

Move For New Monarchy

£1,000,000 Restored To Ex-King: Franco Wants Son To Rule

EX-KING Alfonso of Spain is to gain nearly £1,000,000 by the decision of General Franco to restore the privately owned property which was confiscated by the Spanish Parliament seven years ago.

He is also to enjoy his rights as a Spanish citizen. But that does not mean that he is going to get his throne back.

At the same time, there is a strong desire among the various parties that constitute General Franco's following to restore the monarchy as quickly as possible.

The grandees, the church, the military caste and the bulk of the peasants all want a King again on the throne of Spain.

But the King will not be Alfonso.

The man they want is Alfonso's third son, Don Juan, who served for some years as a Midshipman in the British Navy.

Don Juan is warmly in favour of General Franco's policy, and has already offered to fight in the Franco Army.

Any proposal to place Don Juan on the throne of Spain would be supported by the British Government, it is understood, because he is friendly to Britain.

Another reason for Britain's sup-

Chinese Co-ed Repressed

Tucson, Ariz.
A Chinese co-ed daughter of a former ambassador to the United States, was denied permission to enroll as a cadet in the Reserve Officers Training Corps of the University of Arizona. King Koo Chow, freshman student, said she wanted to be a soldier and fight Japan.

It is a common experience that, as an apparent result of some emergency or accident, a certain number of people, in popular phraseology, "lose their nerve."

Loss Of Nerve Explained

In medical phraseology this may include the development, or manifestation of a condition of neurosis, hysteria, neurosis, psychoneurosis or psychosis, terms on the exact meaning of which doctors themselves tend to differ, but which connote, in varying degrees, a mental as well as a physical factor.

There are many people who, after a bad fall while climbing a mountain or a ladder, or after a smash while driving a car, feel unable to climb or drive again, or are apprehensive if they have to do so. There are others who, after some injury to an arm or leg—and long after the physical injury has healed or been repaired—manifest losses of movement or sensation in the affected part, or develop some curious gait or other disability for which there is no apparent reason.

INTERESTING SURVEY

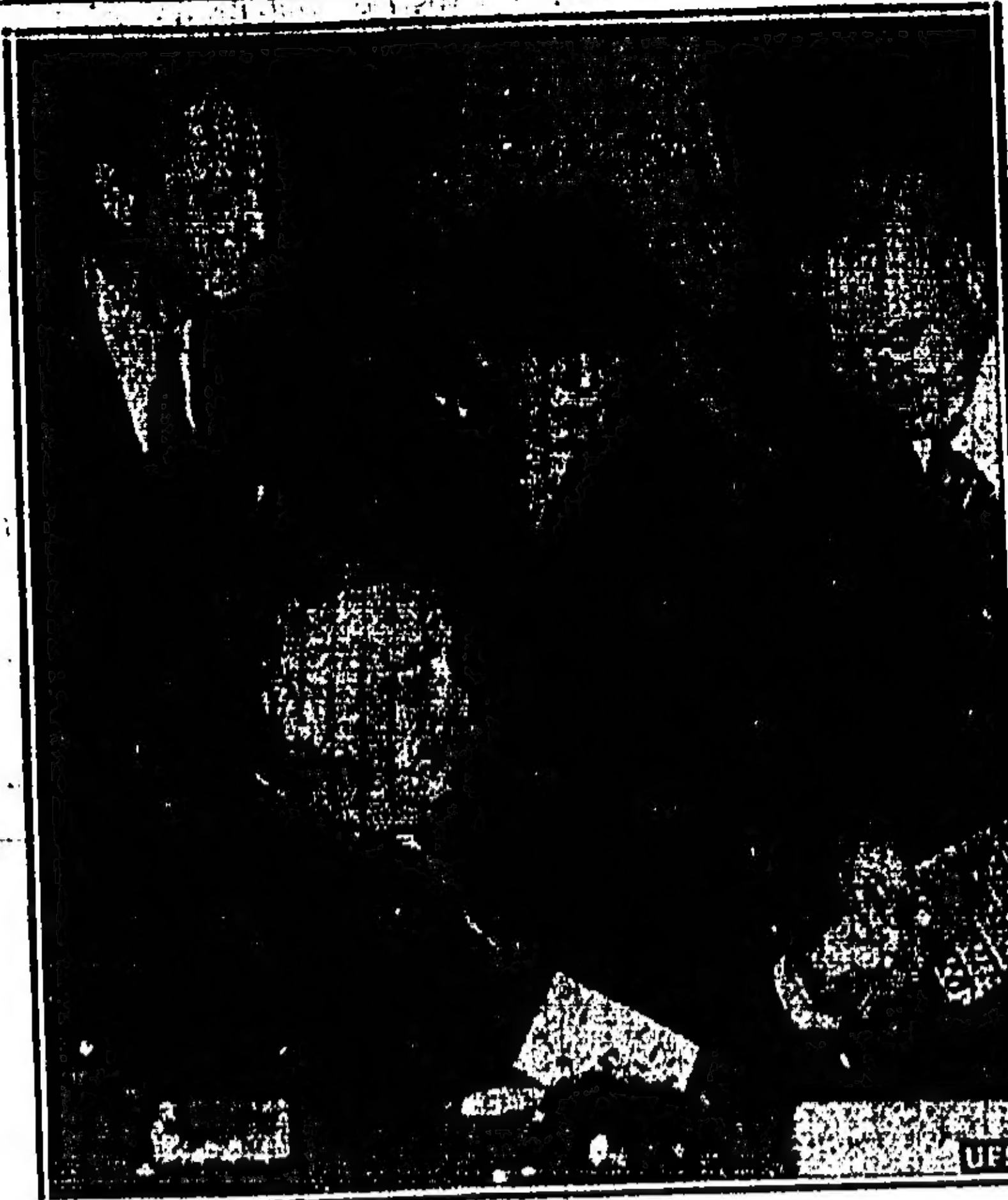
The war gave an enormous opportunity for the laying down of at least a few general principles on the problems of such people.

This is emphasised in an extremely interesting survey of the whole question by Dr. William Brend in his recently published book "Traumatic Mental Disorders in Courts of Law" (Helmman, 7s. 6d.).

As a neurologist to the Ministry of Pensions, a lecturer on Forensic Medicine, and a medical assessor, Dr. Brend has had an unusually wide experience. And briefly he is sceptical, from the purely medical standpoint, whether in the great majority of cases an accident or emergency can in itself produce the permanent condition that might be summed up in the term "loss of nerve."

Although, for instance, as he points out, there were large numbers of such cases amongst those serving in the War, a considerable proportion of them had seen no active service, and there was no observable relation between the severity of a wound and a subsequent loss of nerve.

An accident brings into light, rather than actually causes, some previously underlying defect of mental and physical co-ordination that evinces itself in some conscious fear or loss of bodily control.



President Roosevelt, stamp collector, receives a souvenir sheet of Christmas seals, in his White House office. Left to right: Dr. James G. Townsend, president of the local tuberculosis association; Mrs. Ernest R. Grant, managing director, and Dr. Thomas Parran, Surgeon General and a director of the National Tuberculosis Association.

The 22nd Arrives For Granfer George

ANOTHER grandchild, his 22nd, has arrived for Mr. George Lansbury, M.P. No one loves children more than Mr. Lansbury, but he looks at all his descendants sometimes and wonders a little fearfully and yet with hopes that...

However, let the Grand Old Man of the East End speak for himself on what it is like to be the doyen of what he confesses is becoming something of a Lansbury Tribe.

"Yes," he said, "I have my twenty-second grandchild. It is Eric's this time—my youngest son—and the baby is a great big bonny boy weighing 8½lb. That makes—how many grandsons? Bessie has one, Bill three, Dolly one, Violet two, Edgar two, and this is Eric's third. That makes 12 grandsons.

"How do I feel about it? Well, I love children and enjoy their arrival like anyone else who is human, but there is in these days a terrible undercurrent of fear about what is to happen to them. This is Eric's third boy and I continually ask myself what their future is going to be."

Mr. Lansbury paused. "And yet through it all," he went on, "I have a sort of hunch, as people would say, that things will not be as bad as we fear. There is in the world to-day a terrible desire for peace. We must not allow ourselves to be blinded by noise."

Auto Tourists From Afar

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California attracted automobile visitors from 27 countries of the world during recent months, according to a check on licences issued. The foreign visitors came from the Latin American countries, China, Japan, Arabia, England, France, Switzerland and India.



Prince Paul, Regent of Yugoslavia, who took over the government after the assassination of his brother, King Alexander, in Marseilles four years ago, leaves the Russian church in London with Princess Olga. Word from New York police that assassins were en route on the Queen Mary to kill him caused Paul to quit London under heavy guard.

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BRITISH TRADE IN THE FAR EAST

LONDON.

MEMBERS of Parliament are still devoting a great deal of attention to British Trade in the Far East and there were numerous questions relating to various aspects of British commercial interests in China asked in the House of Commons on December 21.

Mr. Price asked the Prime Minister whether in view of Japanese discrimination against British and United States trade in China, he will consult with the United States about retaliatory measures against Japanese trade which may be jointly undertaken by the two Governments?

Mr. Butler: I would refer the hon. Member to the reply given by the Prime Minister on 14th November to the hon. Member for Kingswinford (Mr. A. Henderson) that His Majesty's Government are prepared at all times to maintain close touch with the United States Government in matters of common concern to both countries.

Mr. Price: Is the hon. Gentleman aware that there is a strong feeling in the United States at present against discrimination by Japan against American trade in China, and is not this particularly a time when close relations should be maintained with the United States on this matter?

Mr. Butler: I believe what the hon. Member says to be true.

Mr. A. Henderson: Are the Government maintaining close relations with the United States?

Mr. Butler: The hon. Member will recall that in a previous answer, I indicated that that was the case.

Mr. Crossley asked the Prime Minister what has been the result of his inquiries into the case in which Japanese soldiers entered the Company at Canton, and seized motor cars and accessories on the premises in spite of the British consular note having been placed on the buildings?

Mr. Butler: I expect my hon. Friend is referring to Messrs. Wallace Harper and Company, Limited. Although this company is registered as British, a substantial block of shares is at present in foreign non-Chinese hands. My Noble Friend has called for details additional to those already received with a view to deciding whether any further action is called for beyond the representations already made by His Majesty's Consul-General at Canton.

Mr. Moreing asked the Prime Minister whether British engineers are yet permitted to inspect the Shanghai-Nanking Railway; in what currency the revenue is being collected on the Shanghai-Nanking, the Shanghai-Hangchow, and the Peiping-Mukden railways; and what provision has been made to secure payment of interest to the British bondholders in these railways?

Mr. Butler: As I informed my hon. Friend on 21st November, the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs indicated last September that inspection of the Shanghai-Nanking line could not be allowed for military reasons. In a note dated 8th December, addressed to His Majesty's Ambassador at Tokyo, it was stated that no change whatever had occurred in the last three months which would render a survey possible. On the Shanghai-Nanking and Shanghai-Hangchow railways

Britain Has 150,000 "Conchies"

Since Canon Dick Sheppard died in October, 1937, the membership of his Peace Pledge Union has grown to 150,000.

Nearly 1,000 people, including many ex-Army officers, joined during October of this year.

"Membership is increasing steadily at a rate of between 800 and 900 a month," an official of the Union said. "Some, on taking the pledge, have resigned from their A.R.P. work and from civil employment which entails preparation for war. Some feel they are being true to their pledge to renounce war and work for peace, while still helping in air raid precautions."

"Some of our members are going out to the refugee camps in Czechoslovakia."

The revenues are collected in Japanese yen and Japanese military yen notes. On the Peiping-Mukden Railway Federal Reserve Bank currency is in general use, except on the Manchurian section, where Manchurian currency is used.

Interest on the Peiping-Mukden Railway Loan has been paid up to date. My Noble Friend is in communication with His Majesty's Ambassador at Tokyo on the subject of the other obligations secured on these railways.

Mr. Moreing: Will the hon. Gentleman reply to the first part of the question? Are His Majesty's Government really satisfied with these continual excesses put forward by the Japanese authorities in connection with the inspection of the Shanghai and Nanking Railway? It is some months since I first raised the question, and I feel that some protest ought to be made.

Mr. Butler: I appreciate the anxiety of the hon. Member, which is shared by His Majesty's Government. The Japanese Government have declared that the same military reasons which made inspection difficult before make it equally difficult now.

Mr. Mander: Will the hon. Gentleman bear in mind that all of us on these benches have just the same feeling of anxiety?

Mr. Crowder asked the Prime Minister whether his attention has been drawn to the delays to British shipping at Chefoo occasioned by the granting of the monopoly of lighter transport by the Japanese authorities; and what action he is taking in the matter?

Mr. Butler: My Noble Friend has no recent official reports on the subject. Representations have been made to the Japanese Government on the general question of discrimination against British shipping in North China ports, including Chefoo.



These members of about 30 old-age pensioners go into a huddle before their march in London from St. Paul's Cathedral to the House of Commons. They demanded an increase in their present old-age pension of at least one pound a week. Rising cost in London of rent, clothing and food was given as the reason.

German's New Public Hate No. 1

HERR HIMMLER, head of the Nazi secret police, is now spoken of in Germany as Public Hatred No. 1. Within the last few weeks he has eclipsed Dr. Goebbels, Minister of Propaganda, in unpopularity.

Many Germans, in letters recently to friends in England, have expressed much franker views on the present Nazi regime than they did a year ago.

Himmler is generally hated because of his ruthless cruelty, especially to the Jews. Dr. Goebbels is treated with derision.

There is now no doubt in the minds of all Germans that Hitler signed the order for the Jewish pogrom, although for a time it was believed that the Nazi leaders had acted without Hitler's authority.

ABUSE FOR U.S. Although one important German newspaper continues to accuse the British "war inciters" with upsetting Mr. Chamberlain's peace policy, the German newspapers generally attack America for having "torpedoed" the Christmas peace. President Roosevelt, Mr. Ickes, Senator Pittman, Mayor La Guardia

"And So This Is England"

SOUTHAMPTON.

Four veteran soldiers—all bachelors—arrived here recently from India, after serving abroad for 19 years. Their first glimpse of England was Southampton's snow-covered docks.

They came home with the 1st Battalion the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, in the troopship *Neuralia*.

The four bachelors found life so pleasant in India that they refused to take the home leave which came along during their service.

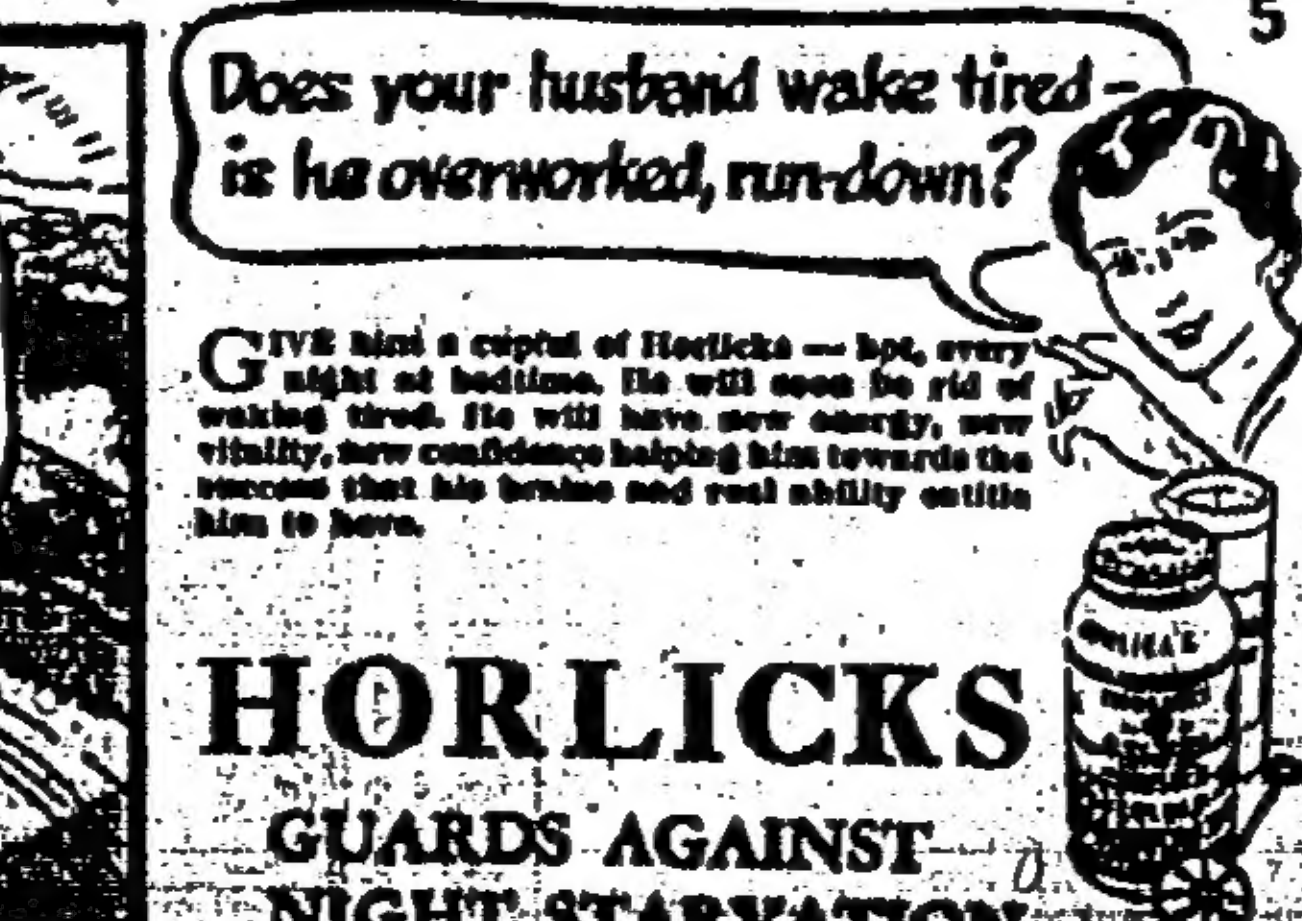
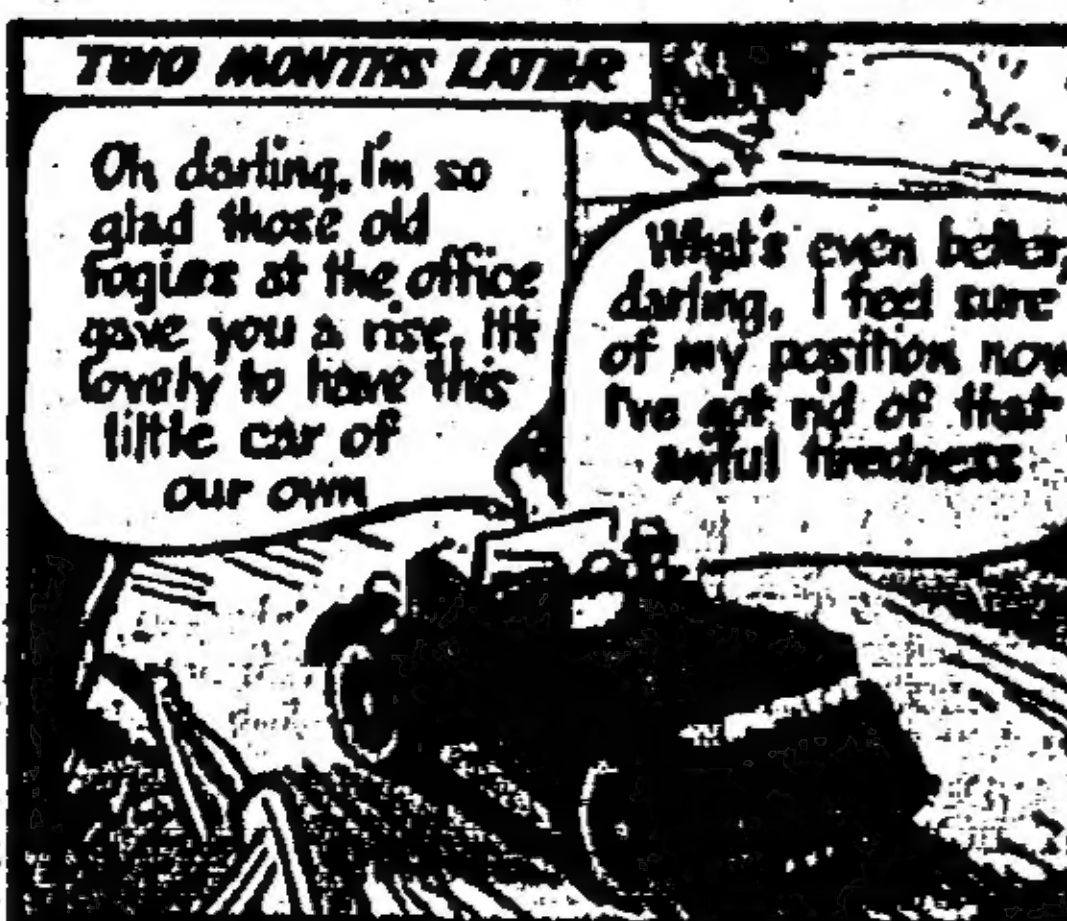
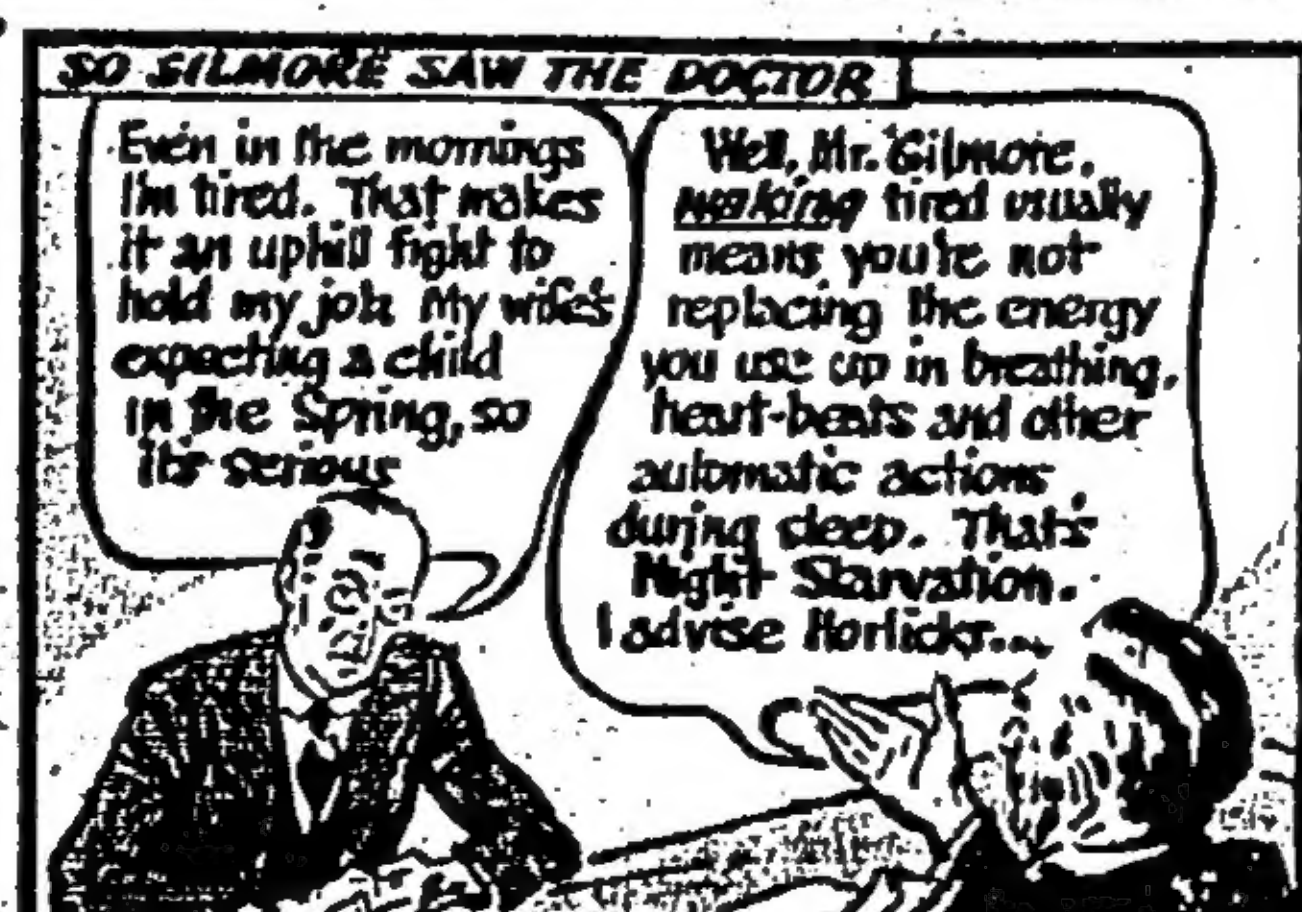
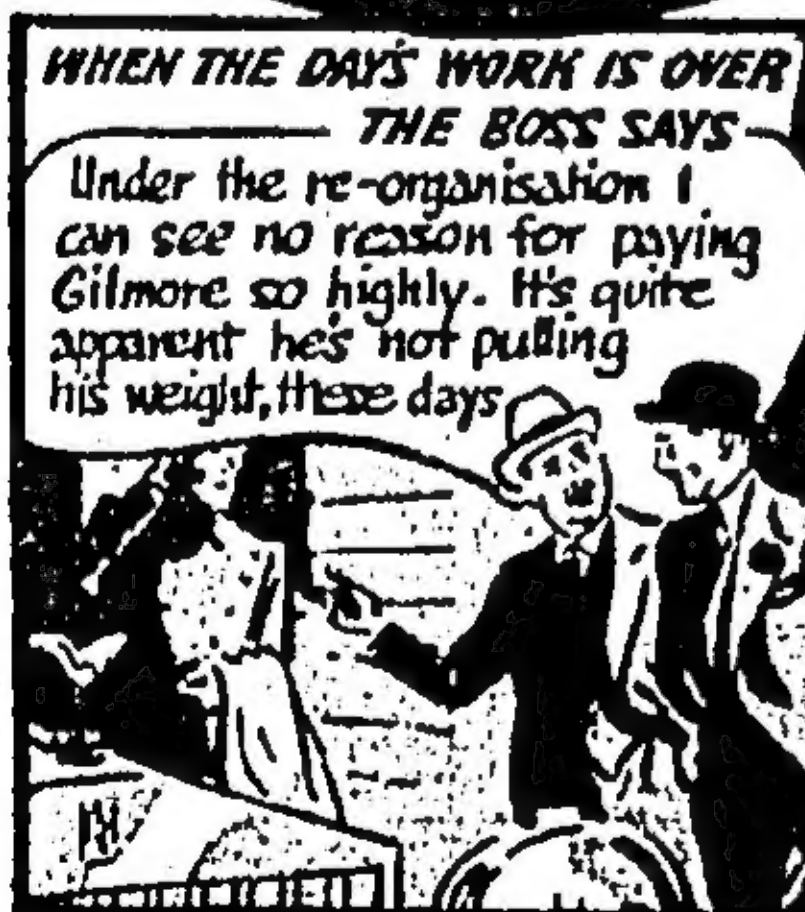
They are Sergeant H. Tomkins, Lance-Sergeant F. Bryant, Private J. Bailey and Lance-Corporal G. Turner.

Mightiest man in the battalion is Sergeant Tomkins, who weighs 17 stone and won fame in India as a big game hunter.

But what a contrast is England from India say the four.

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The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.30 p.m. yesterday, says:
A fair number of Trams and China Lights were absorbed at quotations, but the rest of the market was neglected, such sales as have been reported being on the small side.

Hongkong Bank \$1,415	Union Insurance, \$470
Douglas \$64	H.K. Docks (New) \$17 1/2
Humphreys \$10 1/2	H.K. Realties \$2 1/2
China Lights \$12 1/2	Macao Electric \$12 1/2
Telephones (Old) \$12 1/2	Dairy Farms \$24 1/2
Entertainments \$7	H.K. Govt. 4 1/2% Loan 9 1/2 p.m.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan 9 1/2 p.m.	Ewo Hts. Sh. \$2 1/2
Hongkong Bank \$1,415	China Underwriters \$6 1/2
H.K. Docks (Old) \$17 1/2	Providents (Old) \$6 1/2
China Lights cum rta. \$12 1/2	Watsons \$15
Constructions \$13 1/2	Marmans (H.K.) 3 1/2
China Lights rta. \$12 1/2	Sales
Hongkong Bank \$1,415/12 1/2	H.K. Tramways \$17 1/2
Macao Electric \$12 1/2	Telephones (Old) \$12 1/2
Ewo Hts. \$2 1/2	China Lights rta. \$12 1/2
Antimoka \$2 1/2	Alaska 23
Bandito Gold 23	Benguet Consol 14 1/2
Coco Grov. Consolidated Mines 20 1/2	Demonstrations 20 1/2
I. X. L. 64	San Antonio 1 1/2
Suyoc Consol. 20 1/2	United Paracetes 20

Countess Barbara Article Banned

Countess Barbara Reventlow, objecting to an article in the December issue of the American magazine Cosmopolitan—one of a series entitled "The Truth about Barbara Hutton"—has secured the withdrawal of the issue in Britain.
The magazine is distributed in Britain by the National Magazine Co. and W. H. Smith and Son, Ltd.
Miss A. M. Head, managing director of the National Magazine Co. said: "We met a writ a week ago from the countess's solicitors and then, at a hearing in chambers at the High Court, we freely gave an undertaking to withdraw the issue."

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The series was written by Miss Elsa Maxwell, fifty-seven-year-old American authoress.
The countess is now separated from her husband.

WAR IN 1939 INEVITABLE, U.S. AMBASSADORS WARN

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that had been said at today's secret session.
There are indications that his colleagues will try to dissuade him.

LINDBERGH REPORT

Committee members revealed that there was some discussion in a report said to have been made by Colonel Lindbergh on Germany's air strength. It was stated that the ambassadors represented Germany as being glad that the report was made, but it is explained that Colonel Lindbergh's information largely confirmed that already obtained by military observers.

All the members left the meeting with long faces, and several did not disguise the serious situation which the ambassadors revealed.
BRITISH, FRENCH CRISIS
One member declared: "The British Empire and France are both facing a crisis of the first magnitude." If the hearing was designed, as many here suppose, to facilitate President Roosevelt's re-appointment programme, it seems at first sight, to have been singularly successful.

FRENCH CABINET MEETS

PARIS, Jan. 10.
THE FRENCH CABINET met this morning to discuss foreign political questions, in addition to drafting an agenda for the parliamentary session beginning in the afternoon.

The Prime Minister reported on his journey to Corsica, Tunisia, and Algeria, and the Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet explained the general foreign political situation in connection with the imminent Anglo-Italian conference in Rome.

The Cabinet formulated a memorandum to be submitted to the British Ministers on Tuesday night at the Quai d'Orsay, outlining the reasons why France declines British mediation concerning the Italian claims in the Mediterranean and the Red Sea.—Trans-Ocean.

CRUCIAL PHASE

LONDON, Jan. 10.
Mr. Neville Chamberlain's policy of appeasement with the dictators, in an effort to dissolve the dangers of a European war, entered a crucial phase today as he left for Rome on a visit to Signor Mussolini.

Mr. Chamberlain's visit is the fourth he has made to the dictators during the past three months.

If Mr. Chamberlain finds Mussolini obdurate upon the question of continued intervention in the Spanish civil war, and on giving effect to the friendship agreement with Britain, it is a foregone conclusion that his policy to the dictators will stiffen.

Since the Munich agreement, at which Czechoslovakia was dismembered, Mr. Chamberlain has gradually—already in the past month—lost patience because of the dictators' lack of response to his appeasement policy.

Observers believe that if this is not soon forthcoming from both Hitler and Mussolini, Mr. Chamberlain will be impelled to give up his policy which led to the resignation of Mr. Anthony Eden as Foreign Secretary, and to world-wide criticism of the Munich agreement.

Thus the Chamberlain-Mussolini talks may mark a turning point in European political tension.—United Press.

FRENCH VIEWPOINT

PARIS, Jan. 10.
The fact that M. Bonnet recently sent a note to the French Ambassador in London for the information of the British Government defining in a complete and precise manner the viewpoint with regard to Italian claims, was disclosed following the Cabinet meeting today.

It was stated that after M. Bonnet had read the note, the Cabinet unanimously approved of the firm position taken up.—Reuter.

CHAMBERLAIN DEPARTS FOR VISIT TO ROME

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greeting the statement of their country.
After the arrival of the guests at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, the guests will drive to the Villa Madama, where they will stay during the visit.

At 5.45 p.m. Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax will enter their names in the visitors' book at Quirinal Palace, after which they will have their first conversation with Signor Mussolini, who, at 9 o'clock gives a banquet and reception at the Palazzo Venezia.

The extraordinary importance attached to the visit is indicated by the fact that 50 English newspaper correspondents have arrived, and similarly numerous newspapermen are expected from other countries.—Trans-Ocean.

EMPIRE NEWS

CALCUTTA.
Efforts of agitators to paralyse the jute industry by a general strike have failed. All the mills are working as usual to-day except the seven which have been idle for the past fortnight.

About 30,000 men are involved. They are striking against the jute ordinance restricting production and reducing hours of work. A number of workers were dismissed in consequence.

Bengal Cotton Trade.—The growing of more cotton in Bengal was advocated by Dr. Meghnath Saha, the Indian scientist, when laying the foundation stone of the first artificial silk mill in Bengal. He challenged the contention of the Government that Bengal was not suited for cotton cultivation.

Geographer's Visit.—Dr. Arthur Geddes, lecturer in geography in the University of Edinburgh, accompanied by his wife, has been on a visit to Shantliniketan, the ashram of the poet, Sir Rabindranath Tagore. Dr. Geddes has come to India for the purpose of geographical research, continuing studies begun in 1921.

Ottawa Agreement.—The Ottawa Agreement will not be continued beyond the end of the next Budget session of the Indian Legislature. This was announced by Sir Muhammad Zafrullah Khan, Commerce Member, in reply to a question in the Assembly to-day. The necessary formalities will be taken to terminate the temporary arrangement at present in force.

Southern Rhodesia

ATTEMPT TO WRECK TRAIN

BULAWAYO.
A passenger train from Bulawayo to Victoria Falls had a narrow escape when an attempt was made to blow up a bridge on the main line at Sawmills.

The train was only five miles away when a station foreman, John Patrick O'Hara, noticed some natives loitering near the bridge. As he walked towards them he saw something spluttering and emitting sparks between the rails on the bridge.

He realised that the sparks were caused by an ignited fuse and threw the explosive over the bridge. As he did so he was attacked by two of the natives and injured in the leg. The assailants escaped.

South Africa

£1,000 DAMAGES FOR "UNLAWFUL KILLING"

CAPE TOWN.
A case unique in the legal history of the British Empire concluded in the Supreme Court recently, when James William Hodgson, who had been found "not guilty" of murder by a jury in the Criminal Court, was found responsible for the "unlawful killing" of a shopkeeper named Herman. He was ordered to pay £1,000 damages.

After Hodgson had been acquitted of the murder of Herman the dead man's widow brought a civil action against him, claiming £3,000 damages on behalf of herself and her child.

Herman was shot dead in his shop on March 2, 1937.

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BRITAIN ORDERS MORE PLANES

MONTREAL.
The British Air Ministry has awarded the Canadian Car and Foundry Co. a contract for the construction of first line warplanes. Mr. Victor M. Drury, President of the company, stated on his return from Britain to-day that the contract is independent of anything the company may receive through Canadian Associated Aircraft Ltd., the organization formed for the manufacture of bombers for Britain.

The order will enable the company's Fort William, Ontario, factory eventually to employ about 500 men for two years.

Air raids from the North—The possibility of air attack from Hudson Bay on Canada's chief cities, power plants and mines is argued by Flight-Lt. A. Carter, of the Canadian Air Force, in an article in the "Canadian Defence Quarterly".

Montreal, Toronto and even Winnipeg lie on a 600-mile radius from Hudson Bay, he says. A plane carrying ship could anchor off Churchill and send out long-range bombers.

Midget Cycle Modelled
London.
What is believed to be the world's smallest motor-bicycle, exact in every detail, is being fashioned by Reginald Croftall, a 22-year-old unemployed electrical engineer of Camberwell. The model is built to a scale of 1 1/4 inches to a foot.

Sunspots Cause Crime

SCIENTISTS all over the world are working on a theory that sunspots are the cause of most accidents and crime.

After examining volumes of statistics they have discovered that during years when there have been the most sunspots there have also been an alarming increase in crime and violence.

There was great sunspot activity in 1908, which coincided with a great crime wave.

Last year the record for crime and violent death was the greatest since the beginning of the century, and statistics show that 1937 was the greatest year for sunspots since 1870. In 1934 there was a lull in crime—it was a period of few sunspots.

Crime is on the increase again, and scientists say that sunspot activity will reach its maximum in 1940.

Hunger And Cold In Madrid

Madrid.
Food rations are now restricted to about two ounces daily per person. The shops are empty, except for scanty supplies of chick peas, lentils, beans and rice. These are sold three times a week to holders of food ration cards.

No oil has been distributed for a month, so many people are unable to cook the food which they receive. For many months the civil population has had no milk, coffee, tea, butter or other common household food items. A pinch of sugar is issued at rare intervals. Occasionally dried cod is available.

No tobacco or cigarettes have been on sale for over 10 months. Some bad wine, brandy and so-called "Malaga wine" made near Madrid, is sometimes on sale.

For the first time for weeks there was a distribution of matches. Each food card, whether for a family or an individual, was entitled to five boxes.

The prohibition of the use of electric stoves both privately and in official departments adds to the misery of the inhabitants in the present bitterly cold weather.

U. S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Jan. 10.

New York Cotton

	Opening	Closing
Jan. (1939)	8.25 1/2/30a	8.24 1/2
Mar. (1939)	8.24 1/2/30	8.23 1/2
May (1939)	8.08 1/2/30	8.02 1/2
July (1939)	7.83 1/2/30	7.78 1/2
Oct. (1939)	7.35 1/2/30	7.30 1/2
Dec. (1939)	7.30 1/2/30	7.33 1/2
Spot		8.78

New York Rubber

	Opening	Closing
Mar. (1939)	10.07 1/2/20a	10.11 1/5
May	10.08 1/2/20	10.11 1/5
Sept.	10.12 1/2/15a	10.10 1/10
Oct.	10.10 1/10	10.15 1/18a
Dec.		10.15 1/18a

Sales for the day—1,010 tons.

Chicago Wheat

	Opening	Closing
May	68 1/2/68 1/2	69 1/2/68 1/2
July	69 1/2/69	69 1/2/68 1/2
Sept.	70 1/2/69	70 1/2/68 1/2

Monday's Sales: 11,885,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

	Opening	Closing
May	52 1/2/52 1/2	52 1/2/52 1/2
July	53 1/2/53 1/2	53 1/2/53 1/2
Sept.	54 1/2/54 1/2	54 1/2/54 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat

	Opening	Closing
May	62 1/2/62	62 1/2/62 1/2
July	62 1/2/62 1/2	62 1/2/62 1/2
Oct.		62 1/2/62 1/2

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(c) by post.

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Registered and ordinary mails (not insured or parcels) will be accepted for Canton and despatched as circumstances permit.

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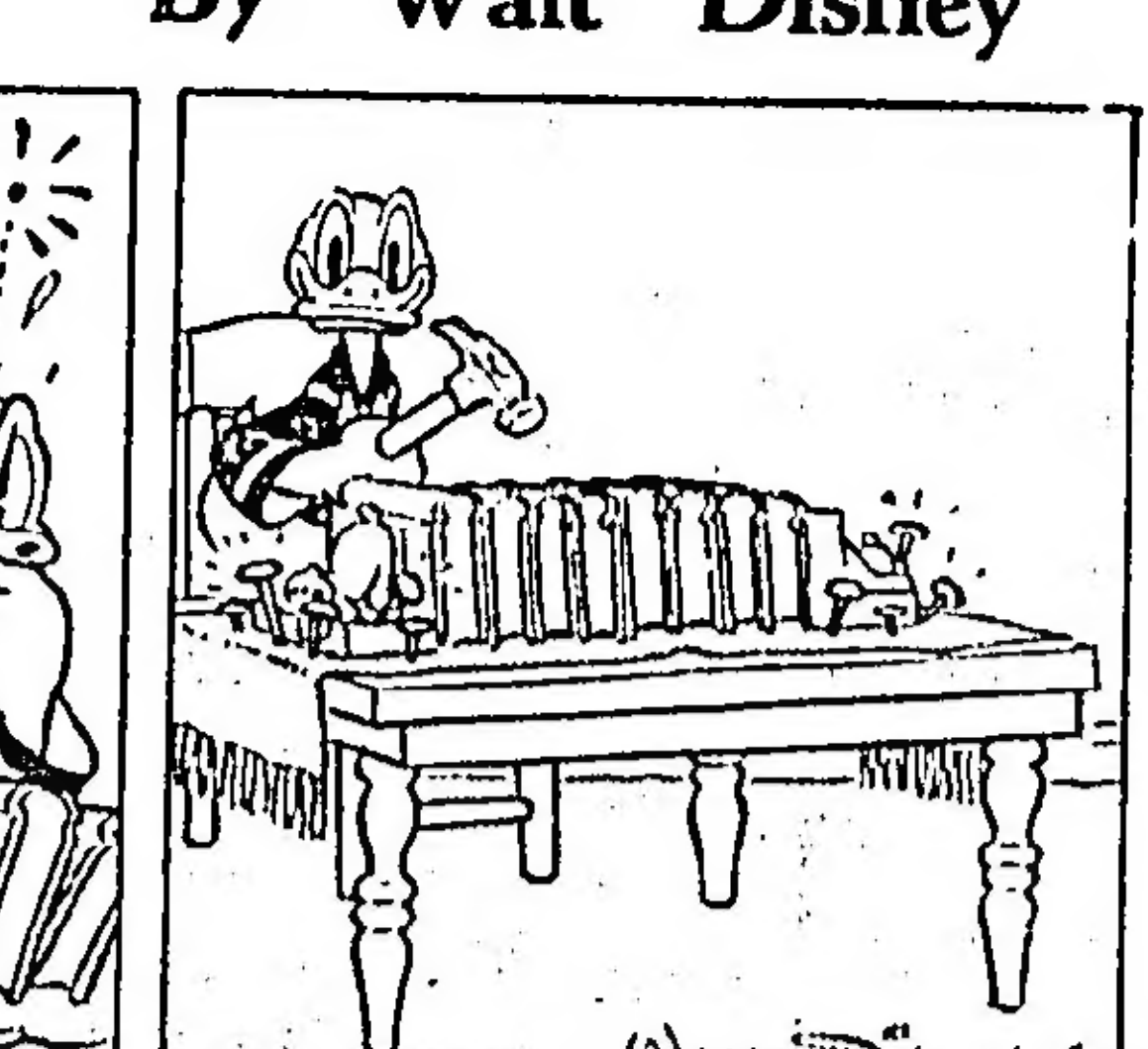
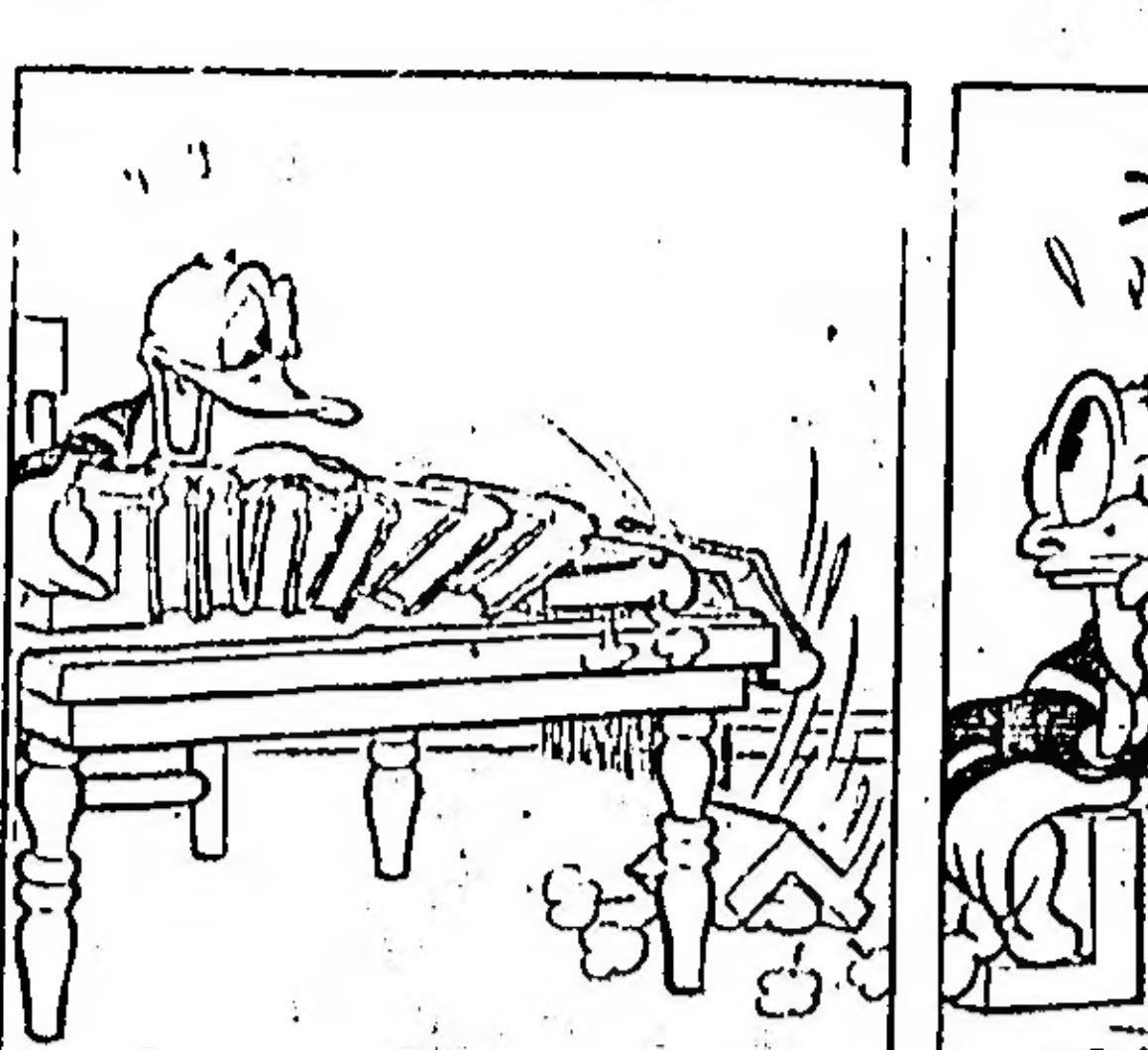
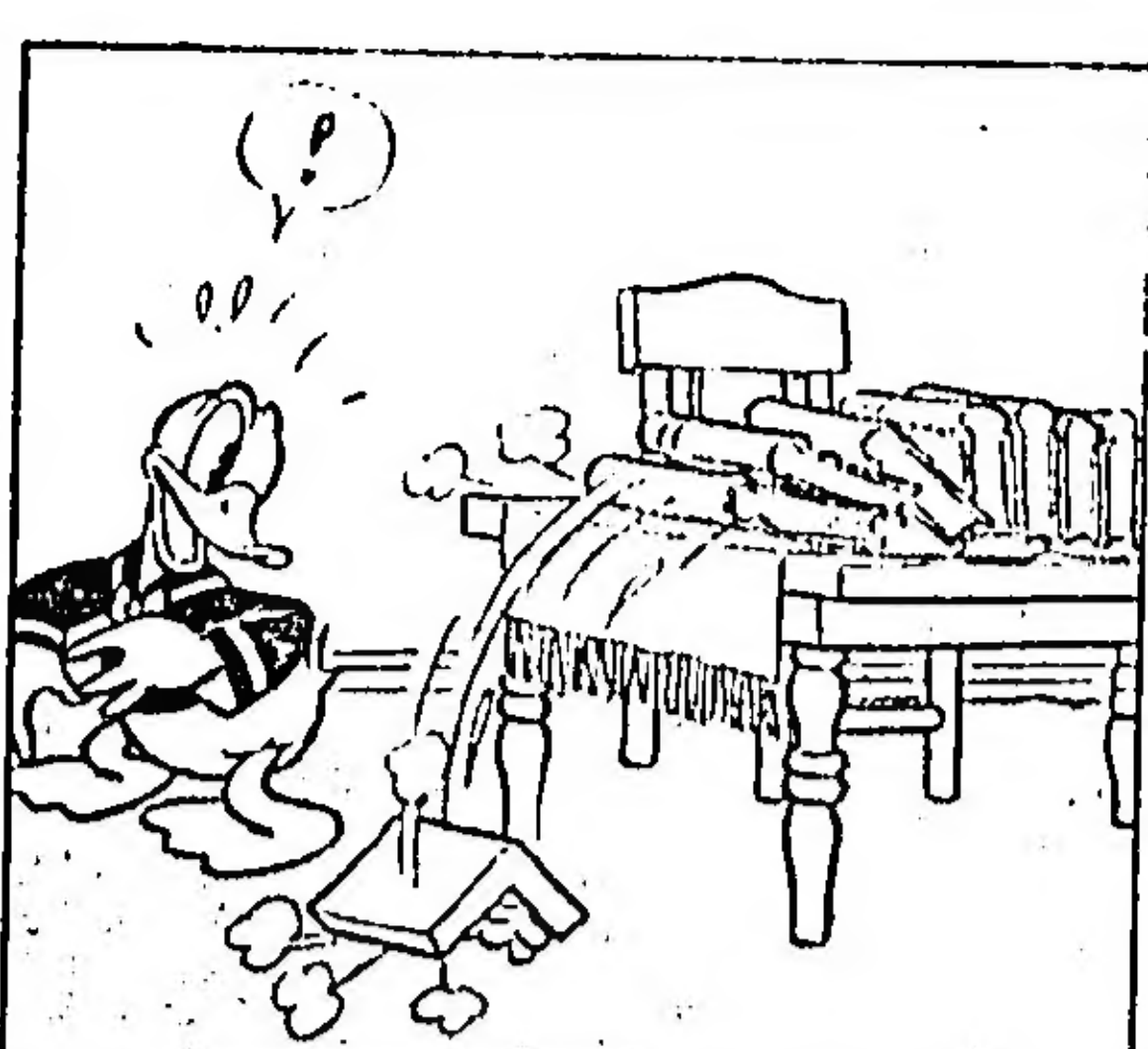
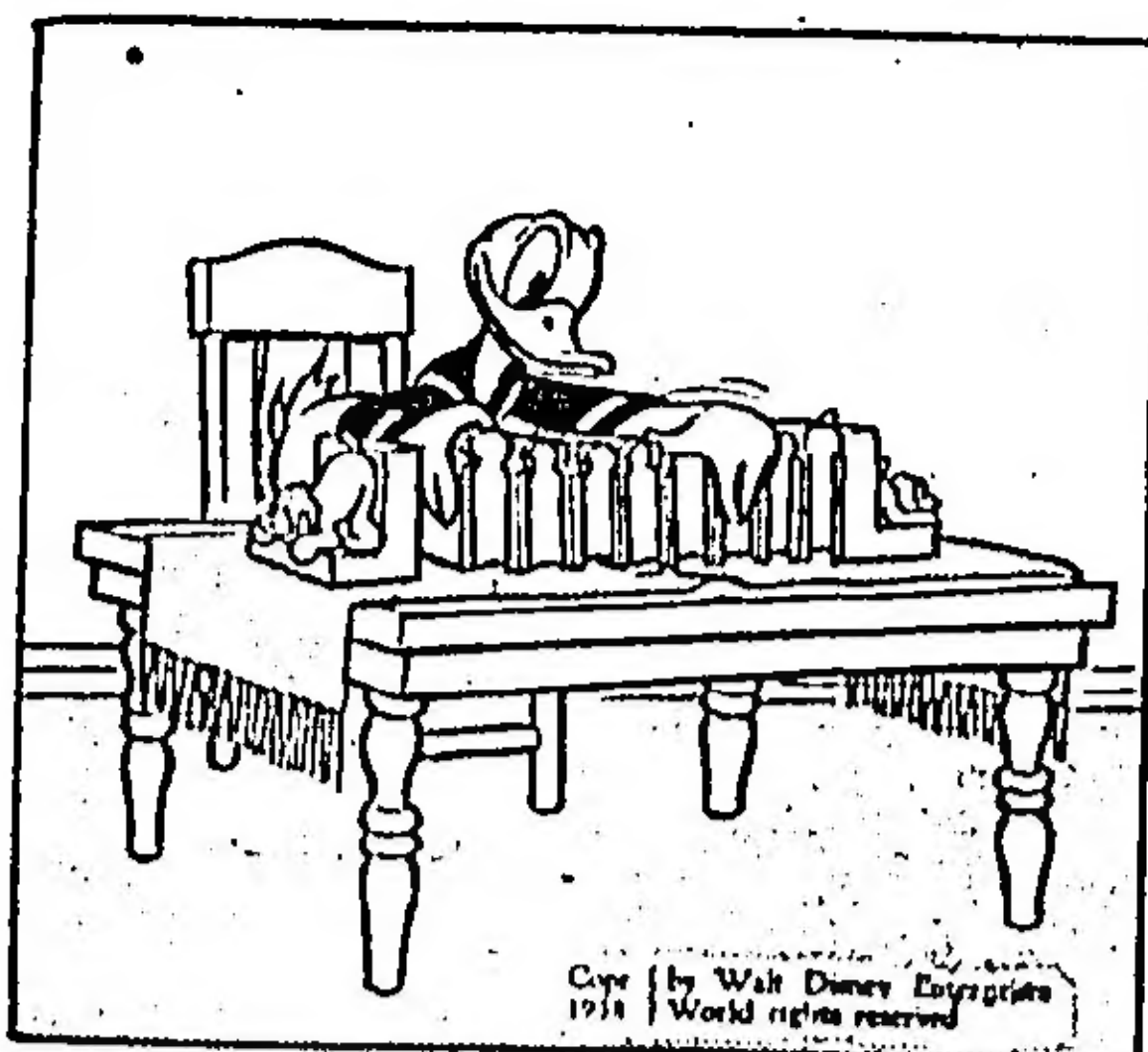
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Japan	Heijo Maru	January 11.
Manila	m/y Ningpo	January 11.
Shanghai and Swatow	Sochow	January 11.
Direct Service—London date, Imperial		
4th January	Airways Plane	January 12.
Shanghai and Swatow	Koying	January 12.
Straits	Lycan	January 12.
Shanghai	Potsdam	January 12.
Manila	Pes. Cleveland	January 12.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard	Shantung	January 12.
Japan	Sirdhana	January 12.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 24th Dec.)	Emp. of Asia	January 13.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa	Hakusan Maru	January 13.
Straits, Manila and Europe via Negapatam (Papers etc.) London date, 15th December 1938.		
Rabaul	Victoria	January 13.
Direct Service—London date, Imperial	Friderun	January 14.
7th January.		
Shanghai and Swatow	Imperial Airways Plane	January 14.
Amoy	Liangchow	January 15.
Shanghai	Tjandane	January 15.
Straits, Manila and London (Papers etc.) London date, 8th December, 1938.	Regensburg	January 15.
Shanghai	Deucalion	January 17.
Calcutta and Straits	Glenshiel	January 17.
	Hosang	January 17.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Wednesday		
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kiangsu	Wed., Jan. 11, Noon.
Hangkok	Michael Jebson	Wed., Jan. 11, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Yunnan	Wed., Jan. 11, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow and Foochow	Haitan	Wed., Jan. 11, 3 p.m.
Thursday		
Swatow and Bangkok	Kueiyang	Thurs., Jan. 12, 9.30 a.m.
Tientsin	Leccang	Thurs., Jan. 12, 4.30 p.m.
Manila and Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Potsdam	Thurs., Jan. 12, 4.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island, due Thursday Island, 24th January	K.L.M.	Thurs., Jan. 12, 4 p.m.
	Reg.	Jan. 12, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 12, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
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	Ord.	Jan. 12, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 12, 7 p.m.
Friday		
Direct Mail for "Imperial Airways Imperial Airways Plane"		
19th January.	K.P.O.	Thurs., Jan. 12.
	Reg.	Jan. 12, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 12, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Jan. 12, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 12, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 21st January.		
	K.P.O.	Thurs., Jan. 12.
	Reg.	Jan. 12, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 12, 5.30 p.m.
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	Reg.	Jan. 12, 5 p.m.
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JAPAN'S DELEGATES RETURNING

Madras World Church Conference

Seventeen of the 22 members of the delegation which Japan sent to the recent World Christian Conference in Madras, passed through Hongkong yesterday by the N.Y.K. steamer Yasukuni Maru. They are headed by the leader of the delegation, Dr. Y. Chiba, Chairman of the Baptist Convention in Japan.

Of the five members of the Japanese delegation who remained behind, two will join parties going to America and England to carry a message from the younger Eastern Church to the older Western Church. Another, Dr. Kogawa, will give a month's series of addresses.

The Rt. Rev. John C. Mann, Bishop of Kyushu, is a member of the Japanese delegation. He said yesterday that the conference had been eminently satisfactory. The gathering of 470 delegates representing 60 nations was a remarkable one. They were splendidly housed in the newly-erected Madras Christian College, which contained three halls each so large that it permitted 150 people to be accommodated in separate rooms. Bishop Mann said that the conference had supported the movement for the organisation of a World Church Council. The International Missionary Council, under whose auspices the conference was held, would work in close harmony with the new council while preserving its own identity.

Dr. William Patton, one of the officers of the International Missionary Council, was to be lent to the new council as part-time secretary. The first meeting of the World Church Council would probably be held this year.

Need for Evangelism
Generally, in considering church affairs the conference, said Bishop Mann, laid emphasis upon the need for evangelism, which must be regarded as an individual duty.

Dr. Kogawa and Bishop Azariah of India were foremost in stressing this need, and it was on the duty of evangelism that most emphasis would probably be laid as a result of the conference.

Dr. J. R. Mott, who was growing old in his office, had been elected Chairman of the Missionary Council for another term. The Vice-Presidents included the Bishop of Winchester and Dr. Wu, a lady prominent in evangelism in China.

Bishop Mann said that Christmas Day had been an interesting day for the delegates. In a Christmas morning service seven delegates in succession had proclaimed what the Gospel had done for their countries. This was followed by a lecture by Dr. Stanley Jones, well known in Chinese church work.

In the evening, 10 groups of different nationalities sang songs in their own tongues, easily the best contribution being made by five Africans. In this group four men supplied delicate harmony to a girl's solo lead, all singing with voices of a peculiarly rich timbre lacking in the voices of the other races. It was an enjoyable experience.

GOVERNOR AUTHOR

His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, wrote of the Colony in a recent issue of the Crown Colonist.

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6.0 Beethoven—Concerto in D Major, Op. 61.
First Kreutzer (Violin) and The London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli.
6.40 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.48 Two Songs by Lina Pagliughi (Soprano).

"Rigoletto"—Gilda's Aria: "Caro nome" (Verdi); "Mignon"—"To son Titanis" (Thomas); with the Milan Symphony Orch. cond. by Ugo Tansini. (Sung in Italian).

6.58 Richard Tauber (Tenor) in a Lohr Programme.

Gypsy Love—Waltz Melodies....

Orchestra Mascotte; Beautiful Italy (Operetta "Paganioli"); Girls Were Made To Love And Kiss (Operetta "Paganioli").... Richard Tauber....

with Lyceum Theatre Orchestra, cond. by Frank Collinson; Fear Nothing (Operetta "Paganioli")....

Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orch. cond. by G. Walter; My Lips Are

For Kisses ("Giuditta"); Stay With Me For Ever.... Marek Weber

and His Orchestra; The Land Of Smiles—Selection.... London

Theatre Orchestra cond. by Ernest Irving; Serenade from "Frasquita"....

Emil Roesz and His Orchestra.

7.30 London Relay—Calling The Tune.... with George Bolton playing

the piano but De Haven and Page calling the tunes; The Pipers are

Frank Lane, The Cavendishs and Harry Gordol. Presented by F.H.C. Pittard.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 Studio—Piano Recital by Doreen Ma.

PICKPOCKET CAUGHT
Detective Watches Three Men at Work

The operations from choosing the victim by a gang of pickpockets at Queen's Road Central, to extracting a purse, were told to Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday by Chow Kwong, Chinese detective, in a case against Lam Choi, 29, unlicensed hawk, charged with theft of a purse containing \$10 from Lai Lok-man, a tailor.

"I saw three men, including the defendant standing at the mouth of Bailey Street, looking into the pockets of pedestrians," said Chow, "and defendant waved to the other two men as soon as he saw complainant."

On entering Wing Kat Street, one of the three men walked past complainant and stopped in front of him to pull up his Chinese shoes. Defendant then went to the right hand side of complainant and under cover of his left hand, extracted the purse. Lam was then arrested. He pleaded not guilty, but was convicted and sentenced to four months' hard labour. A previous conviction for larceny was revealed.

LOSS OF BANKNOTES

Lau Yau-sing, a student residing at Morrison Hill, reports that between 11.30 p.m. on Sunday and 9

1. Stop beatin' around the Mulberry Bush; 2. You're as pretty as a picture; 3. The Donkey Serenade; 4. Music Maestro Please; 5. Remember Me; 6. Sweet and Lovely.

8.20 Reginald Foort at the Organ.

The A.B.C. March (Foort and Ver-ring)...with Brass Quartet, and Drums; Puzza (Mihaly); The Wind Has Told Me A Story—Tango Habanera (Bruhne).

8.30 London Relay—Empire Exchange.

Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and Colonies.

8.45 London Relay—Inside Information' Happy Feet.

A programme devised by F. W. Hillyard and recorded under the direction of Leo Hunter.

9 Gounod's "Faust" Act IV.

Sung by Miriam Licette, Doris Vane, Muriel Brunskill, Robert Enston, Harold Williams, Heddie Nash and the B.B.C. Choir with Orchestra and Organ conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Request Programme.

Trio No. 1 in B Flat (Schubert)... Cortot, Thibaud And Casals (Instrumental Trio); Die Zauberflote—Overture (Mozart)... Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Thomas Beecham; Fantasia in D Minor, K. 397 (Mozart)... Wanda Landowska (Piano); Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring (Bach, arr. Sir Hugh Allen)... Choir Of The Temple Church, London cond. by G. Thalben-Bell with Choe obligato by Leon Goossens and Piano; Ave Maria (Bach)... Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with Choir and Orchestra (Sung in Latin; Aria (From Suite In D-Bach)... Pablo Casals (Cello) with Piano accomp. by Otto Schulhof; Hark! The Lark (Shakespeare-Schubert)... Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore; Tone-Poem "Finlandia" Op. 25, No. 7 (Sibelius)... Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

11.0 Close down.

PECULIAR AFFAIR
Man's Hospitality Abused

Two Chinese wandering about Repulse Bay on Monday entered a hut there, and asked the occupant, Chan Tong, for a smoke of opium. Chan gave the men a smoke, and one of them left the hut, but returned with a stick and threatened Chan with it, asking for money.

Later, the man with the stick gave the first man a dagger, and with it he also threatened Chan. Chan's wife was then bound and gagged by the two, and thrown into a nearby nullah.

The men attempted to escape, taking with them an opium pipe, but were arrested by Chan and a nephew. As a result, Wong Wah, 40, and Wong Fu, 42, both unemployed, were charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday with robbery, and were remanded for 48 hours.

p.m. on Monday, someone stole from him two \$100 notes.

EARRING SNATCHER

Admitting larceny of a pair of gold earrings from a woman in Portland Street, on Monday, Leung Ming, 21, was sentenced to three months' hard labour and eight strokes of the cane, by Mr. Q. A. A. Macdwyden at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

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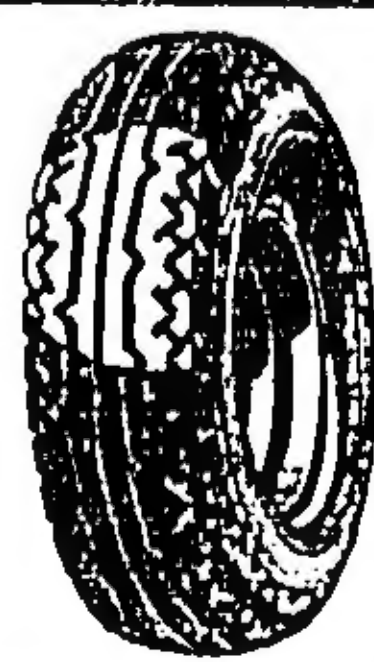
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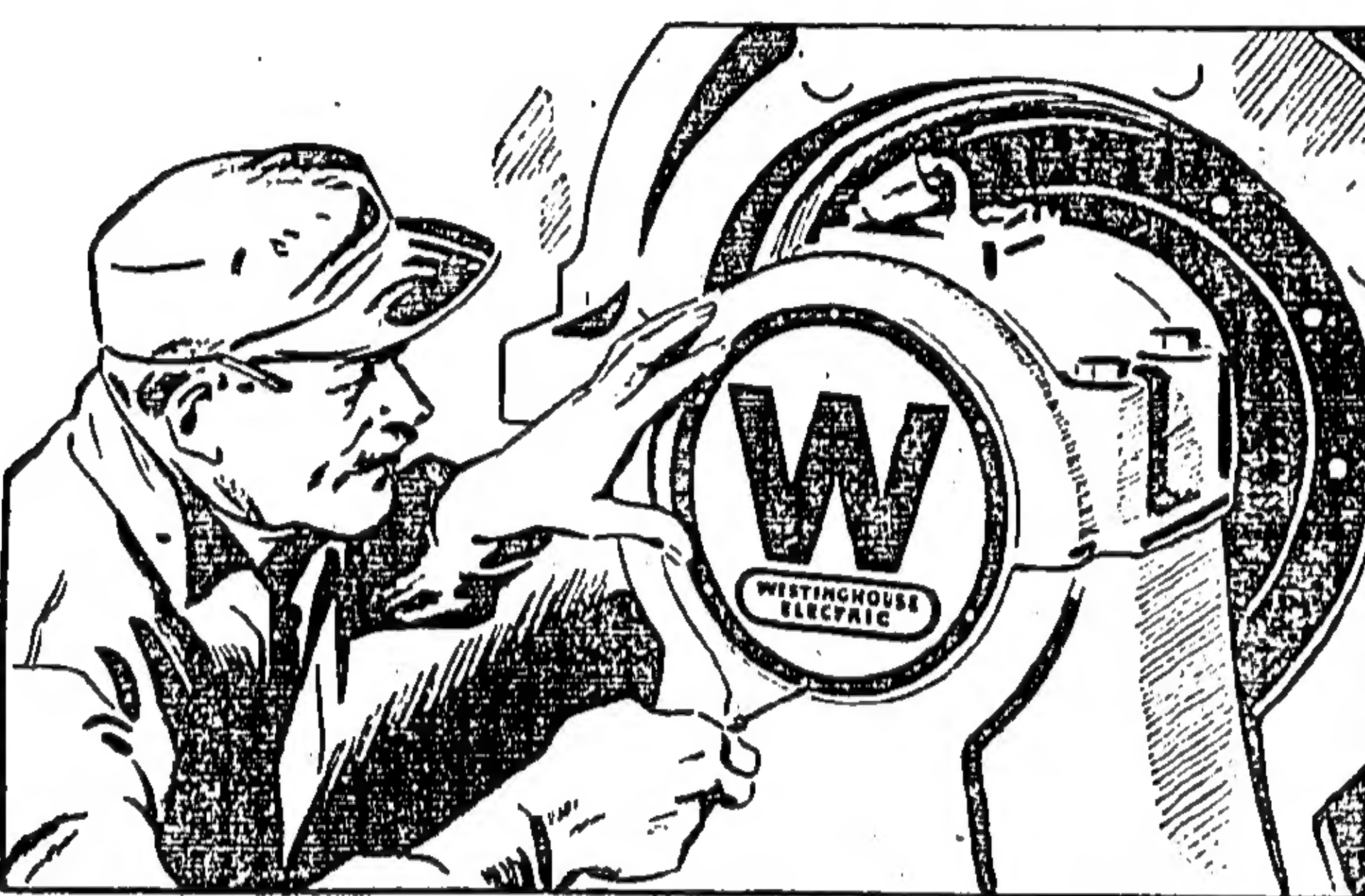
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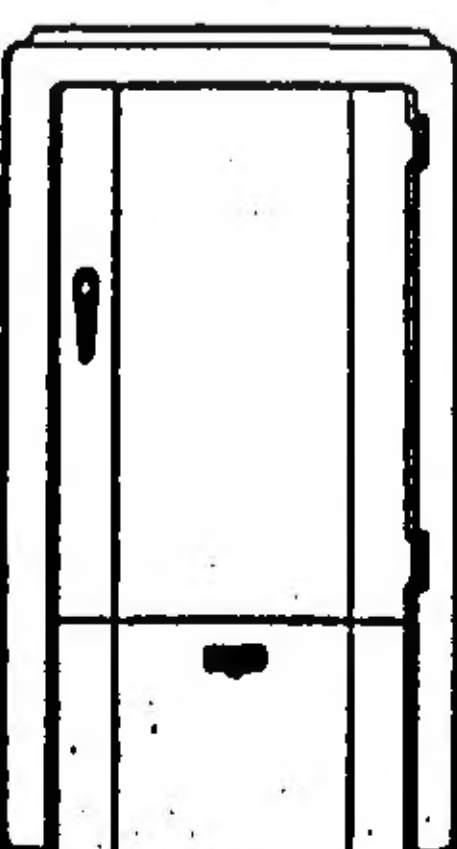
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When Is a War?

GREAT BRITAIN, thus far, has steered clear of the ticklish international problem created by the hostilities between China and Japan. Neither China nor Japan will admit that a war is in progress and there has been no normal declaration. Diplomatically, this pretence has not only suited Japan and China but also, apparently, the Western Powers.

In the detention in Hongkong of a number of Chinese soldiers, interned in Kowloon City until, presumably, the termination of hostilities, the Hongkong Government appears to have set a precedent which can quite conceivably have unforeseen results.

If China and Japan are not at "war" in the official sense of the word, by what authority are the prisoners detained? And what would be the Government's position if any Chinese or other person took out a writ of Habeas Corpus, demanding the release of one or more of the internees?

Blockade

THE DANGER in the visit to Rome this week of the Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, is that he may be induced by Signor Mussolini to grant belligerent rights to Franco in Spain—the right to stop, in the High Seas off England or anywhere else, any ship which may be carrying supplies to the Loyalists.

The granting of belligerent rights to Franco would not necessarily end the war through starving the Loyalists of arms and war materials. But it would probably end the war by starving the women and children in Loyalist Spain. There are 3,715,000 children and over 3,000,000 refugees from other parts of Spain in Loyalist territory. There is a problem of cruel distress on a mass scale. For the Loyalists there is neither peace nor plenty, but war and scarcity. Any concession to Franco will place into Insurgent hands the deadly weapon of starvation.

Intervention

FOR TWO and a half years the Spanish people have been defending their elected Government against a military rebellion begun and supported by Totalitarian States.

While Britain and other democratic countries have forbidden the sending of arms to the Loyalists in the name of "Non-Intervention," Italy and Germany have openly sent armies, aeroplanes and "advisers" to General Franco, and have publicly boasted of breaking "Non-Intervention."

Without their backing, Franco's rebellion would never have started or, at the utmost, would have been stillborn.

The Earth is Getting late . . . Days are longer . . . Sun-spots are upsetting Radio . . .

It may be The Driest Period for Years

OBSERVATIONS made at Greenwich have shown that the Moon is departing from its calculated course. At the present time it is farther from its position, according to the theory of gravitation, than it has been at any time since 1680.

The blame for this apparently erratic behaviour is to be put on our own Earth.

The Earth provides us with our standard of time: the day. If the length of the day changes because the Earth does not turn round on its axis at a constant rate, the Moon will be in a slightly different place in the heavens from that in which we expect to find it.

Other bodies, such as the Sun, Mercury or Venus are also found to be in positions that are slightly different from their calculated ones, but as the motions of these bodies in the sky are slower than that of the Moon their errors are not so great.

Friction of Tides

THE astronomer can use either the Earth, the Moon, the Sun, Mercury or Venus, as a clock; and the last four of these agree in showing that the Earth is a bad timekeeper.

It is easy to see why the day should gradually get longer. The friction of tidal waters on the beds of the oceans acts as a brake on the rotation of the Earth and gradually slows it down.

This process will go on for millions of years, until at length the Earth will always turn the same face to the Moon, just as the Moon already always turns the same face to the Earth. The day will then be equal to 47 of our present days.

But this gradual lengthening of the day is not uniform: sometimes it is accelerated, sometimes retarded. The cause of these variations is perhaps due to a slight expansion or contraction of the Earth as a whole. An oscillation of the surface by one or two feet above and below its mean value would be sufficient to account for them.

One Second a Year

THE most rapid change in the length of the day occurred between 1863 and 1875, and amounted to one three-hundredth part of a second a day, giving an accumulated error in the course of a year of more than one second.

The best astronomical clocks yet made are almost good enough to check this error. A new form of clock, however, in which the time is registered by the vibrations of a crystal of quartz, is being made for the Greenwich Observatory, and this should be reliable to the one-thousandth part of a second per day. It may prove to be a better time-keeper than the Earth.

The length of the day can change with considerable suddenness. The quickest changes have occurred about 1790, 1896, and 1917. These were only found by astronomical observations. Perhaps the next sudden change will be revealed by our clocks.

At the present time sun-spots and other disturbances on the sun are rapidly becoming more frequent. It has been suggested that the abnormal weather of

the past 18 months may be a result of this.

Last year was the driest year in Hongkong for 40 years.

Though it seems that sun-spots do have some effects on the weather—as indicated, for instance, by the variations in the widths of the annual rings of trees [shown in cross sections

of the trunks] appearing to coincide with the number of sun-spots—those effects are largely concealed by the many other complicated factors that continue to make the weather.

It is not fair to blame sun-spots for our dry weather. But those organisations concerned with wireless communication can justly blame the sun for some of the troubles that they are experiencing.

They may be receiving short wave wireless messages quite normally when, within a few seconds, the messages will fade away entirely.

It has been established recently that these fading synchronise exactly with intensely hot eruptions on the sun. Such eruptions usually occur in the neighbourhood of sun-spots and are frequent when the spots are numerous and rare when they are few.

More Sun-Spots

AS sun-spots will become still more numerous for the next two years, it looks as though there is going to be considerable interruption in the reception of beam wireless messages.

Can we also blame sun-spots for the changes in the course of the Gulf Stream and other ocean currents?

These changes are of great importance to the fishing industry. Herring, haddock, plaice, and sole intensely dislike the warm Gulf Stream water,

which swarms with jelly-fish of all kinds.

Guide to Fishermen

WHEN the Gulf Stream is strong, catches of these fish are poor. The most valuable food-fish prefer the cold stream coming from the North, which is rich in the phosphates that provide nourishment for the animals on which the fish feed.

Not enough is yet known about these changes in the Gulf Stream to say whether or not they are due to sun-spots; they are being studied by the development commission on fishery matters.

It would indeed be fortunate if it could be established that sun-spots do influence these changes, because we can predict with fair accuracy how numerous sun-spots are going to be. It would then become possible also to predict the course of the Gulf Stream and to advise fish-

men where they should fish to obtain good catches.

1819 Over Again?

MANY people are anxious to know whether sun-spots will afford any guide to the weather to be expected this year. There is no astronomer or meteorologist who could predict with any confidence what this year's weather will be.

Hongkong's meteorological records do not go further back than the Seventies. But in England, a hundred years ago, the rainfall in the first five months of the year was double the normal, and one of the driest summers on record followed, with a total rainfall from the middle of May to the end of August of less than 1½ in.

Whether this year in Hongkong will follow a similar course it is impossible to say. No precedent has been established.

Why I Prefer The Man of 40

By A Girl of 20

IN this modern world of outspoken youth, what a welcome antidote and how infinitely refreshing socially is the man of 40.

No young man with all his glittering exploits can achieve the indefinable charm which characterises the older man.

The modern youth, for all our admiration of his enterprise and his vitalising ideas in business, is a noisy

creature, who has uncouth manners and drives a small, uncomfortable car much too fast because he thinks it is clever.

He appears often to be horribly misled by the idea of his own importance, he criticises things of which he has had no experience, and sneers at old age as something Victorian which ought to be put out of life decently.

ALL the young men I know have three topics of conversation—Themselves, their Clubs, and their Cars—and one qualification—they can dance.

The youth of to-day thinks it is amusing to be cynical, especially towards women, in whose presence he likes to show off atrociously. He does not realise his own rawness, his lack of subtlety, or the emptiness of his words.

You can see him everywhere, at the hotels, at the Club and at parties, hands in pockets, cigarette in mouth, smiling the smile of complete complacency, because he really believes he is the salt of the earth. The man of 40 is a very different person. He has learned to look on nature not as in the hour of thoughtless youth but with the chastened understanding of experience.

The lesson of his own follies has made him tolerant of other people's weaknesses. He treats women with deference and respect, because he can remember the days when he was really placed on a pedestal. He is courteous and considerate, he knows how to pay compliments.

He is a charming companion because he has long since outgrown talking about himself. He is witty without being vulgar. He can choose a good dinner unostentatiously, and does not bully his inferiors. He takes an interest in Life itself, not merely its pleasures. He is sympathetic, because few men reach the age of 40 without some suffering. Like new wine, youth is harsh and crude to the palate; the older man, is mature and mellow. He may have grey hair, be unable to drive a car more than 35 miles an hour, and detect parties, but I feel stimulated and safe with him.

H. L.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Money doesn't mean happiness! Snodgrass, over there, with his two million isn't a bit happier than Fustleigh with his million."

PRINCE ON PLANE

Leaves By Delta For London

Prince Hussein of the Yemen, accompanied by his A.D.C., Alkhalil Al Alami, left Hongkong by the Imperial Airways plane Delta at 7.30 a.m. yesterday for London.

The third son of the King of Yemen, Arabia, missed his ship in Shanghai, and was flown down to Canton non-stop by a Japanese naval plane. He was brought to Hongkong on Monday by a Japanese mine-sweeper.

The Prince, dressed in full Arab fashion, made a striking figure at the airport. He passed through here in May last year on his way to Japan to open a mosque in Tokyo. Representatives of 44 Mohammedan countries attended the ceremony.

The Delphinus, which took off half an hour earlier, carried four passengers. They were Mr. H. J. Weston, returning to Sydney after visiting his parents here, Mr. Krane and Mr. W. Cresswell for Bangkok, and Mr. Laignelet for Fort Boyard.

Among the freight on the plane was a case of a dozen hen's eggs for Bangkok.

Air Mail Delayed

The air mail scheduled to arrive this afternoon has been delayed by a hold-up on the European line, and is expected to arrive to-morrow at 5 p.m.

GLIDER ATTEMPT

An attempt to fly non-stop from Perth to Adelaide, 1,450 miles, in a glider, will be made shortly by Philip Wells, the British Empire's leading sailplane pilot. He believes the Nullarbor Plains, the wide arid stretch between the two cities, will reflect strong upward currents, enabling him to keep altitude.

AUSTRALIAN RECORD

New records in air transport between Australia and Tasmania were made recently, when Douglas air liners made 10 crossings of Bass Strait in one day, carrying 250 passengers. One plane, the Warana, made the first night crossing, and covered 1,938 miles in the 24 hours.

FLIGHT TO HAWAII

San Diego, Jan. 10. Nineteen amphibian planes hopped off to-day for Guantanamo on the first stage of their flight to Hawaii. The first left at 6.11 a.m. and the last 20 minutes later.—United Press.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures of Planes

For London, Australia, British Countries and Europe: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. Jan. 11.

For Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweilin: C.N.A.C. Eurasia Services indefinite.

For U.S.A., via Manila, Honolulu, Guam: China Clipper 8.30 a.m. Jan. 10.

For France via Hanou: Air France, 6.30 a.m. Jan. 14.

From London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. Jan. 12; Imperial Airways 5 p.m. Jan. 14.

From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweilin: C.N.A.C. Eurasia Services indefinite.

From U.S.A., via Honolulu, Guam, Manila: Pan American China Clipper 12.30 p.m. Jan. 18.

From France, via Hanou: Air France 12.30 p.m. Jan. 12.

NEW PLAN IN INDIA

Gandhi Submits Draft Of Constitution

Calcutta, Jan. 10. Political circles in close touch with the Congress Party are inclined to attach very great importance to the draft of a new Indian Federal Constitution put forward by Gandhi.

It is recalled that the Constitution drafted by the British Commission so far could not be enforced because the question of the religious minorities proved insurmountable. The biggest minority of Indian Mohammedans refused to be subjected to the Hindus.

Gandhi's new draft is said to show the way out of these difficulties. It is expected that the contents of the new Constitution draft will be published to-morrow when the Executive Committee of the Congress Party meets in Bardoli.

Unless Gandhi's draft takes due regard to the question of the native States it is more than doubtful whether the rulers of these States will allow enforcing the new Constitution plan.—Transocean.

PIRATICAL ATTACK

British Warship Answers Tug's Appeal

Shanghai, Jan. 10. Responding to a distress message, H.M.S. Terrible, lying at anchorage, steamed up and rescued the tugboat Jardine's tug Harrow which was attacked by four pirate-manned junk boats yesterday afternoon while towing three lighters with cargo from the lower Yangtze to Shanghai.

Despite machine gun fire the Chinese master of the tug kept the wheel while the wireless called for help. Sighting the British gunboat, the junks gave up the chase and eluded capture in the falling darkness.—Reuter.

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EVACUATION PLAN

Britain Divided Into Three Zones

London, Jan. 10. The Ministry of Health to-day issued a list showing the division of England and Wales for purposes of evacuation. The country is divided into three groups, firstly a limited number of large crowded areas from which evacuation takes place, secondly a number of neutral areas which, though not to be evacuated, are not to be used for reception purposes, and thirdly districts not included in the above which will be used for reception.

The evacuation areas include all metropolitan boroughs of most of the leading industrial, shipping or naval centres as well as populous towns and boroughs in Essex and Middlesex. The neutral areas include most of London's northern, southern and western suburbs, Derby, Plymouth, Sunderland, Durham, Southend, Harwich, Bristol, Aldershot, Sheerness, Margate, Ramsgate, Grimsby, Norwich, Yarmouth and Swansea.

The counties which are neither evacuation nor neutral areas include Bedford, Berks, Bucks, Cambridgeshire, Dorset, Oxfordshire, East and West Suffolk, the Isle of Wight, and the greater part of Wales.—Reuter Special.

Minister Defend Steps

London, Jan. 10. Sir John Anderson, Minister for Civil Defence, to-day defended the Government's measures and stated that provisions for fire-fighting units to be completed in 1941 had been speeded up and will be completed at the end of the year.

He stated that recruits for civil defence were almost up to requirements and there was only a small gap. He was going on with recruiting in order to have a reserve force. Deep bomb-proof shelters had not been ruled out and the question would be considered.

"We are taking the necessary precautions in view of the risk of war in the near future, but that does not mean we expect a war," he declared.—Reuter Bulletin.

SUCCESSFUL CLAIM

Full Reimbursement by Dry Cleaning Firm

Judgment for plaintiff for the full amount, with costs, was delivered by the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, at the Supreme Court yesterday, in a claim brought by Jerome Law, of the Commercial Bureau, York Buildings, against the New Method Steam Laundry of 149 Prince Edward Road, for \$50 in respect of loss of five suits of clothing sent to defendant firm to be cleaned and pressed, between August and September last year.

His Lordship said that the fact that defendant had printed his conditions on the back of his receipts would entitle an ordinary reasonable man to think there were the only conditions, and a person would therefore not expect to find other conditions printed on the other side of the receipt, as in the present case.

His Lordship also advised the defendant to have new receipts issued with the conditions all printed on the back, and with a direction on the face of the receipt to that effect.

The plaintiff's case was that though he was Chinese, he could read little of his own language, having lived for the greater part of his life abroad, and he had accordingly not noticed the most important condition on the receipt, which was printed only in Chinese, on the face and not the back.

Mr. C. D'Almeida appeared on behalf of the plaintiff, while Lee Kin-hung, managing partner of the defendant firm, appeared in person.

It will be recalled that at a previous hearing, the defendant only admitted liability for the loss of one suit. He also claimed that one of the conditions of his business was that the loss of any suit would only be made good by the payment of ten times the cleaning price, which varied from six cents to 30 cents per article. This condition was printed in Chinese only, on the front of the receipt, and was the one plaintiff claimed he had not noticed. It was the plaintiff's case that, even if he had noticed it, he would not have been able to read it.

BURMESE HIGHWAY

American Ambassador Makes First Trip

London, Jan. 10. The United States Ambassador to China, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, who is returning to America, drove over the new road from Chungking to the Burmese frontier on the way to Europe, says The Times. He was accompanied by the military attaché, Major MacLugh, and a Chinese mechanic.

The party left Chungking on December 12 and arrived in Rangoon on December 20, thus covering 2,100 miles in 13 days without a serious delay and without a puncture. Their car was the first private vehicle to traverse the road.

Interviewed in Rangoon, Mr. Johnson pointed out that the entire road was surveyed and built by native labour without a single piece of road-building equipment.—Reuter.

Spelling Bee

How many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

Unintentional topnot

Unkleing foreseent

Decision discover

English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 6.

TRIP FROM CANTON

Journalist's Journey Of Adventures

An adventurous trip from Canton made immediately after the fall of that city, was described to the Hongkong Rotary Club yesterday by Mr. K. Joelson.

The Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan presided, and welcomed the following guests: Rotarians J. C. Hutchison, Pelip; T. C. Yu, Tientain; J. M. Hansen, Nanking; G. King, Tainan; Messrs. F. H. Loebay, F. V. Jensen, C. C. Lin, Dr. D. J. Valentine, R. G. Brown, J. C. Eager, T. Chen, H. G. Williams, R. S. Kerr and C. Y. Wu.

New Year greetings were acknowledged from Rotary Clubs at Hornsey, Oldham and Norwich, England, and Omaha, Nebraska.

Mr. Joelson said that after a number of newspapermen had been machine-gunned by both Japanese planes and Chinese guerrillas in trying to get from Canton to Hongkong, he was fortunate in obtaining the services of an ex-officer of the Chinese Army to guide him over the route. To leave Canton, they used a junk service inaugurated by the Japanese between Canton and Fatsan, and were fortunate to avoid searchers, who usually went through junks, and the numerous Japanese motor-boats which kept watch on the river. From the junk, said Mr. Joelson, he could see the Japanese soldiers taking flour from the Government godowns to sell in the city at two yen per bag—though not for Japanese Army account.

Chinese auxiliary police could be seen along the waterways, but they wore badges and carried no arms. In the afternoon the junk arrived at Fatsan, and he was given a hearty welcome at the British Methodist Mission, where there were two foreigners and a foreign lady who were giving first aid and other help without question to the Chinese who came in from all over the countryside.

The city was garrisoned by some ten thousand Japanese, and the only business done was at a branch market where the loot from Canton was sold.

Robbers En Route Leaving Fatsan early the next morning, they went only a little way up the river before the sampan man advised them to turn back across the country to avoid robbers. During this walk, many groups of peaceful Chinese were encountered, and it appeared that the invaders had made only one raid there when the natives put on some opposition. Policemen appointed by the civilian population were on duty, but further on, armed men in plain clothes who called themselves tax-collectors, demanded a toll of ten cents per head (Canton money) before the travellers could pass. They proved amenable to photography, however, and in conversation, said that they were soldiers deserted by their officers, but were determined to "see the thing through." These guerrillas had no regular contact with the Army.

That night was spent in another city half-way to Shekhi, where free board and lodging was offered by an elderly Chinese, who, he said, apparently, to deter them from investigations in the city. However, said Mr. Joelson, he did walk through the streets, and found the town practically in the hands of a gang of criminals who had opened gambling schools in every street, and who controlled everything from police to taxation. Boys of ten to twelve years were playing stud poker in the middle of the night with a business-like air that would have done credit to Chicago gangsters.

Customs Functioning

The next morning, a member of the "gang" collected the fare from the travellers, but soon after he started, the junk skipper had to pay "violin tax" to another private gang, and he was given a receipt and with his vessel intact, from that city. Before reaching Shekhi, the travellers met the genuine Chinese Customs men who were still functioning, and they landed here for the last trip overland to Macao.

Mr. Joelson described a hair-raising experience he had that night when a local chief had him arrested, and accused him of being a spy on the basis of a statement made by his companion. It later transpired that this statement had been extracted from the ex-officer under threat, but, said the speaker, it was tough and go, at one time, whether he would be shot or let free.

Eventually they were freed, and decided to waste no time in getting to Macao. Though the vessels were full, and motor car hire prices were up to \$50 National currency, they succeeded in hiring bicycles and getting to Macao four hours later without further incident.

Rotarian H. Ching thanked the speaker, who had, he said, lived up to the tradition of correspondents carrying on their work despite danger.

PAKHOI TENSION

Aerodrome Built On Weichow Island

Pakhoi, Jan. 10. The Japanese are building a big aerodrome on Weichow Island, south of Pakhoi. There are about 200 Japanese bluejackets at Weichow, with one aircraft carrier, five warships and over 20 armoured fishing boats concentrated off the island.

Japanese planes raided the adjacent districts last week. On January 6 Japanese planes attacked Pakhoi with machine-guns. Six bombs were dropped, which caused the deaths of many civilians.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

JEWES IN TRINIDAD

Growing Influx Causes Much Anxiety

London, Jan. 10. The growing influx of Jewish emigrants to Trinidad is causing anxiety to the local authorities as 500 Jews have entered Trinidad during the past six months and more are expected.

A meeting of the Executive Council has been called to discuss the question.—Reuter Bulletin.

CANADIAN PLAN

Mr. F. M. Selchen, Jewish editor of the Daily Israelite Press is to call a meeting of Winnipeg Jews to discuss his proposal for the establishment of a co-operative Jewish farm and colony in western Canada.—United Press.

MISSION TO PRAGUE

Prague, Jan. 10. Sir Herbert Emerson, high commissioner for fugitive questions appointed by the League of Nations, arrived here yesterday in order to discuss with the Czech-Slovak authorities as well as with private organisations the problem of the emigrant emigrants living in Czechoslovakia.

The situation of the fugitives from the former Czech territories now ceded to the neighbouring States is another point Sir Herbert Emerson will investigate.—Transocean.

JEWISH REFUGEES

Berlin, Jan. 10. Mr. Rublee, director of the Evian Refugee Committee, arrived here this morning accompanied by two members of the Committee.

"We have come to continue the conversations we had with Dr. Schacht in London," he said. "It is hoped that the talks will facilitate Jewish emigration from Germany with the help of the Reich Government."—Reuter.

FRIEND OF CHINA

Admirers of Roosevelt In Chungking

Chungking, Jan. 10. Chinese political circles are paying serious attention to the developments in the American congress, declares the Ta Kung Pao to-day, in view of the fact that two topics at present under discussion in America are related to China—the revision of the Neutrality Act and economic reprisals against Japan.

Public opinion in America has progressed much in favour of China in the past year, officials believe, and Mr. Roosevelt's anti-aggression campaign is gaining power in Congress, although it is yet hard to say to what extent it will be successful or, if authorised by Congress, how the President will use his power.

Mr. Roosevelt's latest anti-aggression utterance has gained him many friends in China, declares the newspaper, and Chinese political circles express extreme admiration for his vision.

Reviewing the latest news from the war fronts, the Ta Kung Pao declares that in the past Japan underestimated China, but now is not under-rating it.

The Shanghai Evening Post to-day carries a large cartoon showing Uncle Sam looking down from the rear of a large ocean liner at a Filipino saying, "I'll paddle round a bit—but don't cast the line off yet."—United Press.

FATAL SHOT WOUNDS

Sir Charles Corkran Dies In England

London, Jan. 10. Major-General Sir Charles Edward Corkran was found to-day fatally shot as the result of an accident.

He was the father of Charles Corkran who was kidnapped in China in 1932 together with Mr. McIntosh and Mrs. Pawley.

Sir Charles has been Sergeant-at-Arms in the House of Lords since 1936 and was 60 years old.

Educated at Eton and Sandhurst, he entered the Army in 1903, becoming Captain in 1909, Major in 1907, Lt.-Colonel in 1915, Colonel in 1919 and Major-General in 1921. He served in the Nile Expedition of 1908, the South African War of 1900-1902 and in France and Flanders during the European War. He has been Commandant of the Royal Military College from 1923 to 1927 and General Officer Commanding London District from 1928 to 1932 when he went on retired pay.—Reuter.

Dream Of Robbery True

Pasadena, Cal. Mrs. George A. Hughes of Oakland, visiting her sister here, dreamed that her Oakland home had been robbed. The dream continued to impress her so much the next day that she telephoned the Oakland police to make an investigation. They did. It had been.

MELBOURNE ON BOOM

MELBOURNE, Australia. Australia's comeback from the depression manifests itself more and more every day. Local building permits for the past year were \$32,100,112, the highest for 10 years past. In one month permits were issued for 441 dwellings, 22 shops, 11 factories, 9 business premises, 2 public school buildings and a theatre.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

In consequence of the greater range and power of modern artillery and musketry fire, a memorandum upon the formation of infantry for the attack has lately been issued by the British War Office. Troops allotted for the attack will, when of sufficient strength, be divided into first, second and third lines. The first line, subdivided into firing line, supports and reserves, engages the enemy, and is intended eventually to establish itself within charging distance of his position. The duties of the firing line are to keep up a well-directed fire upon the enemy from the moment such fire becomes effective; to push forward as near his position as possible; and thence to deliver such a heavy fire as will enable the second line to approach the point selected for attack and drive him from it.

Col. Slade, Vice-President of the Small Arms Committee, says that, for the defence, "If the non-lethal gas might well be opened at 2,200 yards."

One of the first persons to profit by the telephone which now connects Paris with Marseilles was the King of Portugal, who, as soon as he landed in France, placed himself in telephonic communication with his wife, who was then making a stay in Paris. Though the line is 500 miles long—by much the longest so far constructed—it works in all respects as satisfactorily as any of the shorter lines already in existence.

Dr. Conan Doyle, whoever he may be, has published an elaborate calculation showing that out of every 22,000 Scotchmen, one of 31,000 Englishmen, and one of 40,000 Irishmen rises to distinction. Elaborate calculations of this kind are very rarely to be rolled on.

TO LET.—At the Penk "La Hacienda," formerly occupied by Sir George Phillips, Apply to H. N. Mody, Victoria Buildings.

25 YEARS AGO

The greatest sale of property ever effected has been announced in London. Mr. Mallaby-Deeley, Unionist M.P. for the Harrow Division of Middlesex, has purchased the whole of the Duke of Bedford's Covent Garden estate, which includes Drury Lane Theatre, the Royal Opera House, the Waldorf Hotel, the Aldwych Theatre, the Strand Theatre, Bow-street Police Court, several Printing Offices, Covent Garden Market.

Hobble skirts and high heels continue to be responsible for an increasingly large number of injuries sustained by women who getting on and off trains and mounting and descending stairways in stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd., was held at the Hotel at 11 a.m. to-day, for the purpose of taking a poll on a following resolution which was submitted to a meeting of shareholders held on October 25, 1919, and then declared lost.

Mr. J. Scott Harston presided, and there were also present:—Dr. J. W. Noble, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, J. F. Matland (directors), Messrs. J. Walker, E. J. Grist, M. D. Sims, E. E. Ellis, M. Manuk, C. S. Ellis, U. Gallucci, E. Goets, G. T. Lloyd, F. McGuinis, She Z-shan, J. Gould, Lal Cham, shareholders, and J. H. Taggart, acting secretary.

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" Breast	12
" Soup	15
" Steak	18
" Sausages	20

10 YEARS AGO

America's first international air line, linking five countries, including British West India with the United States, was inaugurated with the departure of four mail passenger aeroplanes for Cuba, Haiti, San Domingo, the Bahamas and Porto Rico.

The following will represent the Kowloon C.C. in a first division match against the Navy on the Navy ground on Saturday: F. Goodwin (Capt.), W. Brance, Mr. H. Rose, A. W. Ramsey, J. E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, R. E. H. Oliver, F. E. Lawrence, J. J. Hirst and G. A. V. Hall.

The Kowloon C.C. second team to play the Police in a League match on Saturday at 2 p.m. on the K.C.C. ground will be as follows: R. E. Lindsell (Capt.), H. Overy, B. Peheram, G. Lee, N. H. A. Mackay, A. F. E. E. W. Smith, O. B. Raven and W. M. Gittins. Reserve, A. E. Sikatos.

5 YEARS AGO

Nazi headquarters have thought it desirable to issue a statement concerning the execution of V. n. der Lubbe, convicted by the Leipzig Supreme Court for setting fire to the Reichstag building.

Apparently the use of the guillotine has caused some criticism on the score that he died a more pleasant death than circumstances warranted.

Van der Lubbe's decapitation should not be interpreted as a milder form of execution than hanging, states the Nazi communiqué, which adds that the official decision ordering him to be guillotined instead of hanged was based upon the consideration that hanging is an ignominious penalty reserved for traitors and such like, and Van der Lubbe committed his crime out of political conviction.

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TO-MORROW
At The **ALHAMBRA**

How Eric Boon Knocked Out D. Crowley: Unexpected End Eleventh Round Punch Swings The Balance

By Harold Lewis

London, Dec. 16.

Hundreds of people rushed the ring at Harringay last night, and at least 50 succeeded in fighting their way over Press tables and through the ropes when Eric Boon, 18-year-old blacksmith of Chatteris, Cambridgeshire, won the British lightweight championship by knocking out Dave Crowley, of Clerkenwell, in the 11th round.

Supporters of Boon had come from all parts of the Fen country, and the thrilling climax caused one of the most fervid scenes of excitement and delicious joy seen at a fight for years.

Boon's triumph was both brilliant and, until late in the 11th round, entirely unexpected. He was being steadily and confidently outpointed by his experienced and crafty opponent until a single punch in the 11th round caused a violent swing in the fight.

That punch was a tremendously powerful right hook to the stomach, planted as Boon slipped a left lead and came back with the full force of the shoulder turned into the blow. Crowley, who had been boxing with a speed and mastery which suggested that he could have gone on for twenty-five rounds if need be, collapsed to the floor. The pain expressed in his face showed clearly that he was badly hurt. Crowley rose after seven seconds, and Boon had the good sense and readiness to fight relentlessly to repeat that punch. He succeeded in landing several more heavy body punches before the round was over.

CROWLEY DEFENDS COOLLY

Crowley, however, defended coolly. His weak spot had been exposed—the only time he had ever been knocked out in nine years of boxing was in exactly the same way—but he masked his trouble, and in the twelfth round, when Boon's inexperience led him into some wild swinging for the head, Crowley gradually settled down and started to steal punches again.

For Boon, with only three rounds to go, this was a moment for desperate action. In the 13th round he again whipped in some heavy body punches, and then, with Crowley keeping his guard down, Boon slashed him with right and left to the jaw.

It took Crowley eight seconds to get up, and then, after a few more punches, as Crowley was falling into the ropes, Boon turned swiftly and chopped him to the jaw with a clean and crisp right-hand punch as one would expect a winner to do. That punch finished the fight. It was delivered at great speed on a difficult target—the sort of punch which Carpenter made famous when he knocked out George Cook.

LIMBS PARALYSED

Crowley recovered consciousness well within the 10 seconds. But his limbs were paralysed. He was unable to move and had to be carried to his corner.

Then the pandemonium started. Apparently Boon had several thousand friends in the hall, and they all wanted badly to shake him by the hand.

One must give Boon every credit for this victory, belated though the real turning point was. Within a minute of the start of the fight, as the two men rushed at each other, Crowley's head came into collision with Boon's face, and a swelling appeared at once, high up on the cheek-bone, below the left eye.

It was a pure accident, of course, but a most unlucky one for Boon. It meant that he had to defend that swelling, have it pinched and massaged during the intervals, and that

his vision must become more and more hazy.

CROWLEY FORGES AHEAD

Still, I thought Boon won the first two rounds, just lost the third, shared the next two. After that Crowley began to forge ahead.

Crowley, having started by boxing in the most compact style, with guard held very close, ducking, weaving and forcing a battle at close quarters, gradually opened out. He took no risk whatever, but evidently planned to win by steadily outpointing his opponent.

There was little power in his blows, but he kept darting in with a left to the face, sometimes landing this blow four or five times in succession without reply.

Occasionally Boon was able to land a solid punch. He was also made to miss badly, as his rather frantic swings passed over the head of Crowley by six or nine inches.

In the fifth, Boon caught Crowley with a heavy punch, a fraction too high on the jaw. People cheered; Crowley grinned perkily. It was perilously close to a knockout punch.

KNOCK-OUT ONLY HOPE

But that incessant peppering from Crowley's left increased in the same proportion as did Boon's badly timed swings, and it became obvious that nothing short of a knock-out would be of any use to Boon.

Something happened in the ninth round which should have warned Crowley. Boon was learning during the fight, trying every sort of punch he knew to penetrate the close guard of the champion.

In this round, picking the right moment as Crowley dashed in, Boon tried a counter to the body. He achieved this most difficult but damaging punch admirably, and one could see that he thereupon began to concentrate upon it.

In the 11th round, as Crowley pounded upon him again, he put everything he had into the counter. It won him the fight.

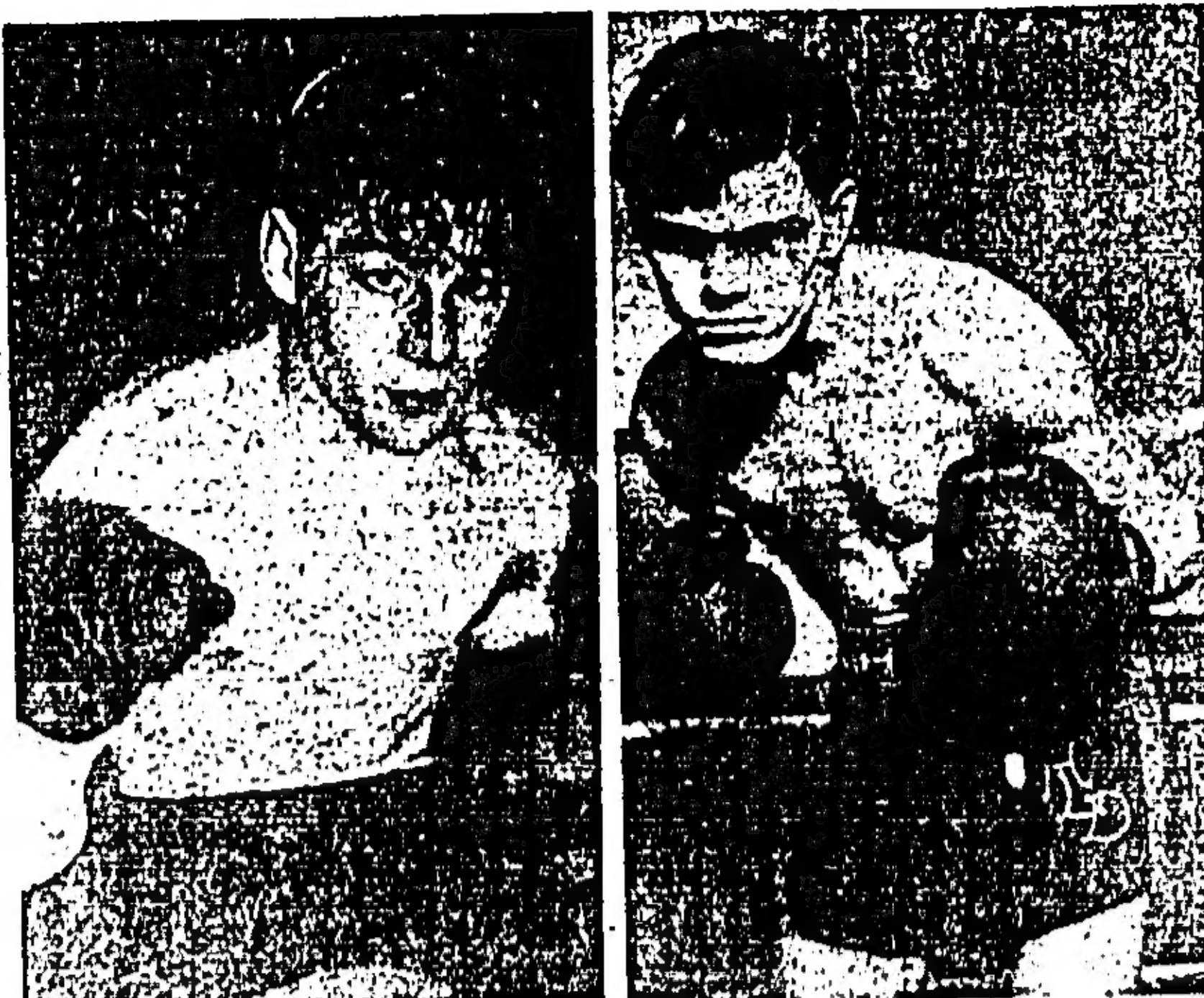
BOON'S PUNCH POWER

Boon will be 19 on Dec. 30. He is very young to achieve such eminence in boxing, but for six months he has been an outstanding lightweight. Strongly built, he boxes well, is very fast and hits with as much force as most men a stone heavier.

It has been a short championship reign for Crowley, and this little sportsman deserves some sympathy and the admiration for his conqueror. Crowley took nine years to achieve his ambition, held the title for less than six months, accepted the first challenger and lost the title to him. A very clever little boxer, Crowley has never had a damaging punch.

Mr. C. B. Thomas, of Wales, was the referee, and the weights were: Crowley, 127½ lb; Boon, 127 lb. Johnny McGrory, the former feather-weight champion, was beaten on points over eight rounds in a return fight with Jack Carriek of Hull. McGrory boxed below his usual form and, I thought, without confidence.

He seemed rather depressed by the tactics of Carriek, who rushed at him with the wildest of swings throughout the first two rounds, landing scarcely a blow, McGrory as he



Eric Boon Arthur Danahar
A fight between them is inevitable.

Here And There With "Abe" Two Young Boxers To Be Brought Together Soon

WITH such a shortage of really promising material in the British boxing world, it was inevitable that two such promising youngsters and sure-drawings cards as Eric Boon and Arthur Danahar would be brought together sooner or later. There are those who feel that for the sake of British boxing, they should be kept away from each other for at least another year. But since Eric Boon, knocked out Dave Crowley to win the British lightweight championship, the clamour for a meeting of the two youngsters has become even louder.

It is probably to satisfy public demand that the two have been matched. They will meet at Harringay on February 23 and Boon's title will be at stake. Len Harvey, the British heavyweight champion, and one of the most astute figures in the British ring, recently declared: "If I were managing either boy, I should steer him clear of the other for another year at any rate. If these two boys were to meet tomorrow, there would be a fireworks display and no mistake. But the loser would probably be lost to the game and the winner would have all the fight knocked out of him. We are too short of material to sacrifice it in this manner, and I suggest they go their own way for a bit." Notwithstanding this advice, the two youngsters have been matched—for better or worse only the future will reveal.

Attempt Failed

IN November, Mr. Sydney Hulls caused a sensation when he announced that he was signing them up on behalf of a wealthy patron to fight at a private party he was giving to be £1,250, to be shared equally between the contestants. When Boon was informed of the arrangement by his manager, Jack Solomon, he said, used to box—as he did when he last met Carriek—would have given him a smart lesson in the penalties for wild swinging.

But in the third round one of these swings found its mark. McGrory took three counts in this round, and although he avoided the worst of the trouble afterwards, he never looked like winning.

OTHER RESULTS

FEATHER (8 rounds): Len Beynon (Swansea) and Billy Walker (Stratford) boxed draw.
WELTER (8 rounds): Norman Snow (Northampton) outpointed Harry Craster (Middlesbrough).

"I would fight him in his back garden providing it was at 9st. 9lb." Arrangements fell through when the B.B.C. announced: "Boon and Danahar are licensed boxers and can only fight on premises licensed for boxing. The promoter, too, has a licence which collects the premises on which he may arrange fights. If Mr. Hulls wants to promote a fight elsewhere he will have to apply to the board for special permission." Most boxing enthusiasts were against the two lads meeting in private, holding that the public, which had followed the careers of both the boxers, should not be barred from seeing the fight.

Eric Boon's Career

KNOWN as "Sonny" to his friends and to the 6,000 inhabitants of his native Cambridgeshire village of Chatteris, blue-eyed, ruddy complexioned Boon has been fighting for six years. At the age of 12 he was beating boys much older than himself. Before he was 16, he had fought 40 times and won mostly on knock-outs. Until last year he continued working in his father's forge, whence he reckons he got his powerful punch. The crowning achievement of his career, of course, was his victory over Dave Crowley last month in a lightweight championship bout. He was being led on points when his powerful punch came out once again and knocked out Crowley.

Danahar's Career

A dark-haired, grim-looking cockney from East London's Bethnal Green attracted the eye early last year of John Harding, National Sporting Club secretary. Son of a professional flat-slinger of early past wars, Arthur Danahar had a normal urchin's elementary school upbringing. When he was 17 he started as a lightweight under the amateur code. Young Danahar quickly won the Amateur Lightweight title of Great Britain, and last February was taken up by the N.S.C. Father Danahar applied to the British Boxing Board of Control for a second licence, but the Board was slow in replying, and he watched his son's first few money-making efforts from a seat in the Press row at Exels Court Stadium. Arthur's first big professional performance was to stop Boyo Rees in March. Since then he has gone on undefeated. Last November he took only one round to beat tough Welshman Douglas Kestrell, unstoppped in 300 fights. Apart from the fact that he has an attribute rare in Englishmen to-day—a wallop—Arthur

Germany Files Entry For Davis Cup

Berlin, Jan. 10.
Germany has filed her entry for the Davis Cup Competition in 1939, according to a statement issued here to-day.

The German Davis Cup team will this time consist of Henner Henkel, captain, the South German Roderich Menzel (who played for Czechoslovakia in former years), George von Metaxa, and Hans Redl.

The Berlin player, Rolf Goeppfert, will act as emergency man.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Hockey 'VARSITY BEATEN IN TOURNEY

An interesting encounter was witnessed on Monday when the R.A.O.C. met the University on the latter's ground in the Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament, and after a hard match the Ordinance managed to take both points when L/Sgt. Lang netted the only goal of the match late in the second half.

The Ordinance were well served by Cpt. Tracey at inside left, Sgt. Evans and Sgt. Drake at half back, and Pte. Locke was the best back on view.

The first half was very even but the Ordinance assumed superiority in the second stanza and the University keeper was very busy. The Ordinance were unlucky not to take the lead when a fine shot by Cpt. Tracey went only inches wide of the post with the keeper well beaten.

A few minutes later the Ordinance went ahead when Sgt. Lang, receiving a pass from Cpt. Tracey, scored with a well-placed shot.

The University rallied and attacked hotly but the Ordinance defence held out.

Soccer Interport

ALTHOUGH Manila has not yet given a definite reply to Hongkong's invitation, it is almost certain that a team from the Philippines will be up here during the Chinese New Year holidays for a series of matches. Officials of the Hongkong Football Association are working on this assumption, and have already arranged for the Manila team to play three matches in the Colony. History will be made when the visitors play a representative Hongkong side, met never before have the two parts met at soccer, though several Colony teams—not representative—have paid visits to Manila in the past at the invitation of the P.A.A.F. The first meeting may well prove the first link in a chain possessing a future as historic as the Hongkong-Shanghai series. Soccer has made great strides in the Philippines in the last decade, and therefore the keenness of the Filipinos to pit their skill against other Far Eastern ports was only to be expected. While not as scientific perhaps as the Chinese, they have easily adapted themselves to the game and are very speedy. Their matches in the Colony are certain to be interesting.

FAIRER CONDITIONS FOR RYDER CUP GOLF NOW ARRANGED

London, Dec. 10.

Here is great golf news. An agreement has been reached between our Professional Golfers' Association and their opposite number in America that in future the Ryder Cup tournament, staged every two years, shall be played in time and place to the choice of the visiting team, so far as this can be arranged.

As a start, when our men go across in 1939 to play in the United States they will probably play in October or November, in either Florida or California.

This will be greeted with cheers from former players, for some British Ryder Cup men can recall having to play this match in mid-summer south of the Mason-Dixon line, when Negroes were dying of the heat, spectators at the match fainted, and our men played against medical advice and under the watchful eye of doctors. That, obviously, was not golf.

A REAL TEST

Similarly, the Americans have complained over here that they have been forced to play in a gale and blinding rain, to which they are not accustomed. Each side undoubtedly had a grievance, and the desire to make this great annual match a real test of golf is all to the good.

Next year's arrangement means a good deal more to our men. It means that they will have the chance after the Ryder Cup match of playing on the winter circuit of tournaments, which offers about £10,000 in prize money.

So now, please, no more grouching from beaten players; and no more irritating slanging matches by teams on their return home. The last packet was getting serious.

K. Tong "B" Defeat S. And S. Home

Kowloon Tong "B" played the Sailors and Soldiers' Home last evening in the "B" Division of the Badminton League and won by 7-2.

Scores:
J. A. V. de Soares and J. Tong (K. Tong) beat Walker and Thorn 21-7; beat Cusack and Nicholson 21-10; beat Griffiths and Manuel 21-10; beat Cusack and Nicholson 21-12; beat Griffiths and Manuel 21-10.

The Ordinance were well served by Cpt. Tracey at inside left, Sgt. Evans and Sgt. Drake at half back, and Pte. Locke was the best back on view.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

The following is the programme to-day in the "B" Division:
Chung Wah v. St. Andrew's "A"
Recreio v. St. John
K. Tong "A" v. St. Andrew's "B"
Wanderers v. V.R.C.

South Africa Has Made A New Hutton

Durban, Dec. 20.
Is South Africa going to make a new player of Len Hutton? asks William Pollock.

I had not seen him since I spent thirteen long weary hours while he laboriously built up his record in the Oval in August, but we saw a different Hutton here to-day.

He had the luck to be missed at the wicket early and has been hitting the ball good and hard, frequently putting his ears back to get punch into open-shouldered shots.

I have always known Hutton has the strokes and wished he would use them more freely. He showed an air of being very much master of all the quite steady bowling he surveyed, and no one had the right to dispute him.

Well, the Tests are mercifully only four days here, so Hutton apparently

TWO GAMES PLAYED IN F.A. CUP

London, Jan. 10.
Two of the postponed matches in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup were decided to-day, the results being as follows:

Southport 1 Doncaster 1
Grimsby 6 Tranmere 0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST DIVISION)
Clyde 3 St. Johnstone 1
—*Reuter.*

feels the time has now come for him to step on the gas a bit.

He went twice as quickly as Edrich at the beginning of the innings at tea time, giving the bat plenty of back lift and not checking the follow-through in his lives. Perhaps he feels now established in top-class cricket and sure of himself.



The all-star forward line which has carried Derby County to the top of the table in the First Division of the English Football League:—(left to right) S. Crooks, Dai Astley, Dave McCulloch, Ronnie Dix and D. Duncan. Derby, however, were beaten at home in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup on Saturday.

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INTRICATE BUT UNPROGRESSIVE SOCCER

Scots Did More With One Kick Than Hungary With Five

Says Charles Buchan

Scotland 3 Hungary 1

London, Dec. 8. Despite the loss of Black, their inside-left, Scotland had little difficulty in disposing of the challenge of Hungary. In fact, it would probably have been a better game if Scotland had started with ten men.

When Black left the field Scotland held a winning lead of three goals. The Hungarians, against the depleted opposition, never suggested to me or to many of the 23,000 spectators that they would pull the game out of the fire.

They gave what I call a "pretty" exhibition. Though the muddy ground, little short of a quagmire, did not suit their style, they passed accurately, took up good position and occasionally combined cleverly. But there their virtues ended.

When they approached the Scottish goal the forwards wanted the ball exactly right at their feet before they attempted to shoot. They made chances only to squander them because they could not hit a moving

ball. Before they brought it under control the Scottish defenders smothered their efforts.

NOT SCOTLAND'S BEST

It was the same in midfield. The Hungarians used the ball discreetly, but they took too long about it. By the time they had finished a movement, quite pleasing to watch, the Scottish defenders were at their post ready for the final onslaught.

The Hungarians played what I call mechanical football. I could usually tell where they would place the ball long before the pass was made.

On one occasion the ball went from the right to the left of the field. All five forwards touching it, but not a yard of ground had been made. Another time Titkos and Cseh interchanged passes five times, yet they finished in the same place! The Scots were more effective with one kick than the Hungarians were with five.

And Scotland were not a good side. The selectors will have to put on their thinking caps before they select the team to meet England at Hampden Park next April.

I doubt whether six of the players will retain their positions. There was little wrong with the defence, though I have seen Beattie, the Preston back, more assertive.

McSPADYEN A SUCCESS

Shankly took the honours in a moderate Scottish half-back line. He infused a lot of energy into his play and used the ball discreetly. Symon was terribly slow, and Baxter rather easily beaten by the clever moves of

Doctor Sarosi, the Hungarian centre-forward, who usually took the ball and Baxter put to the flanks before delivering a through pass to Cseh. He succeeded with the move several times, but Cseh had not a shot, never mind a goal. In his locker.

In attack McSpadyen, the substitute for Delaney, carried off the honours. He was fast, bent his man with consummate ease, and placed his centres well—an international for some time to come unless I am greatly mistaken.

McCulloch had few chances until the closing minutes. Then he rather marred his chances of further honours by shooting wide twice when he had all the time in the world to place the ball in the net.

THREE "GIFT" GOALS

It was unlucky for the Hungarians that they practically gave away the three goals—the first from a penalty and the others came through goalkeeping errors—for defence was the best part of the team. Scabo partially atoned with many brilliant saves, while the sturdy, impetuous Biro had no superior.

After Walker had failed with a simple chance, Scotland took the lead in the eighteenth minute by means of a penalty. Black was going through when he was brought down unceremoniously and Walker scored from the penalty spot.

BLACK'S INJURY

Then in the space of two minutes came two further blows for the Hungarians. First, Szabo sent a weak clearance to Black, who from 20 yards put the ball quickly into the net before the goalkeeper had got back. Secondly, both Koranyi and Szabo chased a long pass from Symon, only to see the ball strike the full-back and fall at Gillick's feet. The outside-left took the proffered gift.

Though the Hungarians often looked dangerous in the second half, they could only score from a penalty. Beattie was adjudged to have handled a centre from Titkos, and Sorosi beat Dawson from the spot.

Scotland: Dawson (Rangers); Anderson (Hearts); Beattie (Preston); Shankly (Rangers); Baxter (Middlebrough); Brown (Hearts); McCulloch (Derby); Walker (Hearts); Gillick (Everton); Black (Preston); Titkos, Cseh, Sarosi, Toldi, Gyelway.



Freddie Bartholomew and Gale Sondergaard in "Lord Jeff"

LEADING SOCCER SCORERS

LAWTON STILL IN FRONT

London, Dec. 21. Lawton, of Everton, still leads the goal scorers in the Football League with 18 successful shots. Next are Fenton (Middlebrough) and Clarke (Blackburn) with 17 each.

Division I	
Lawton (Everton)	18
Fenton (Middlebrough)	17
Hodgson (Leeds)	17
Dix (Derby)	17
Mills (Chelsea)	17
Tadman (Charlton)	17
Hunt (Bolton)	17
Nieuwenhuis (Liverpool)	17
Westcott (Wolves)	17
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Division II	
Clarke (Blackburn)	17
Cairns (Newcastle)	17
Hunt (Sheff. Wed.)	17
Jones (W. Bromwich)	17
Lyon (Chester)	17
Macaulay (Sheff. U.)	17
Dodds (Sheff. U.)	17
Rooke (Fulham)	17
Herd (Manchester City)	17
Hullett (Plymouth)	17
Billington (Leiston)	17
Clarke (W. Bromwich)	17
Burgin (W. Bromwich)	17
Briggs (Southampton)	17
Walsh (Millwall)	17
Barker (Millwall)	17
Lewis (Bradford)	17

Division III—(South)	
Cheetham (Q.P.R.)	15
Morton (Swinton)	15
Collins (Cardiff)	15
McPhee (Reading)	15
Hayes (Torquay)	15
Ray (Aldershot)	15
Dutton (Mansfield)	15
Stephens (Bristol)	15
Langley (Boscombe)	15
Dawes, A. (Paisley)	15
Smirke (Southend)	15
Dunderdale (Widnes)	15
Tait (Reading)	15
Division III—(North)	
Prendergast (Chester)	15
Bramham (Sheff. Wed.)	15
Aquilin (Barnsley)	15
Hurst (Brighton)	15
Nolan (P. Vale)	15
Holberts (P. Vale)	15
Bolt (Q.P.R.)	15
King (N'hampton)	15
Egan (Aldershot)	15
Dowl (Exeter)	15
Phon (Exeter)	15
Williams (Clapton O.)	15
Peters (Bristol C.)	15
Gregory (C. Palace)	15
Derrick (Newport)	15
Bamberck (Walsall)	15

REVENGE CLASH

New York, Jan. 10. Promoter Mike Jacobs has arranged a revenge clash over 15 rounds between Billy Conn, Pittsburgh's new light heavyweight sensation, and Freddie Apostol, middle-weight champion, for February 10.—United Press.

Patrick (St'port)	13
Hanson (Rotherham)	13
Burditt (Wrexham)	13
Wynn (Rochdale)	13
Steele (Barrow)	13
Ferrier (Oldham)	13
Morlinier (York)	13
Halford (Oldham)	13
Feeney (Darlington)	13
Killourhy (Doncaster)	13
Caniffe (Barnsley)	13
Robertson (Barnsley)	13
Lythgoe (Stockport)	13
Sargeant (Stockport)	13
Hunt (Carlisle)	13
Harris (Barrow)	9
Foster (Crewe)	8
Gallacher (Gateshead)	8
Little (Doncaster)	8
Tubbard (Hull)	8
Dagley (Stockport)	8
McGray (Harrington)	7
Chandler (Crewe)	7
Essex (Stockport)	7
Smith (Gateshead)	7
Deil (Doncaster)	7
Prost (New Brighton)	7
Ainsworth (New Brighton)	7
Colquhoun (Southport)	7
Hawkins (Southport)	7



Betty Grable in Paramount's farcical comedy, "Give Me A Sailor," now showing at the Queen's Theatre. A special musical short, "Tannhauser," is also included in the programme.

OUR SPELLING BEE (see page 7) Unimagination—linking—dissection topknot—frescent—disover

RACING TRAGEDY

Thoroughbreds Burned To Death In America

Amsterdam (N.Y. State), Jan. 10. Twenty-five thoroughbred horses owned by the millionaire sportsman, Mr. John Sanford, were destroyed in a fire which razed to the ground the main stable of the Hurrianna breeding farm yesterday.

Among the horses trapped in the blazing stable was Supply House, one of the best steeple-chasers in the United States.

The loss amount to U.S. \$200,000.—Reuter.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD CRICKET

Brisbane, Jan. 10. Sheffield Shield cricket scores today were: Queensland 330 and 73-1; South Australia 557.—Reuter Bulletin.

CLUB TEAMS

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club on Saturday:

Firsts (away) v. Recreation—H. Owen (captain), F. H. Stokes, A. C. Beck, J. L. Bailey, M. Haynes, L. T. Hyde, J. C. Pearce, T. A. Pearce, P. H. Spooner, L. D. Kibbee, G. Longfield.
Seconds (home) v. I.R.C. (league)—E. J. Mitchell, G. S. Lovett, S. P. Fox, D. S. Robb, W. Stoker, D. O. Farney, R.M.M. King, H. J. Armstrong, C.W.E. Bishop, H.A.D. Lowe, G.J.J. Cooke, Reserves—J. E. Potter, D. S. Blake.

"Hot Dogs" Put Together

San Francisco. Promoters of the 1936 Golden Gate International exposition are still juggling with the number of "hot dogs" which they have estimated will be eaten during the fair. This time, they have stretched the fair "hot dogs" out together and have figured they would reach 273 miles.

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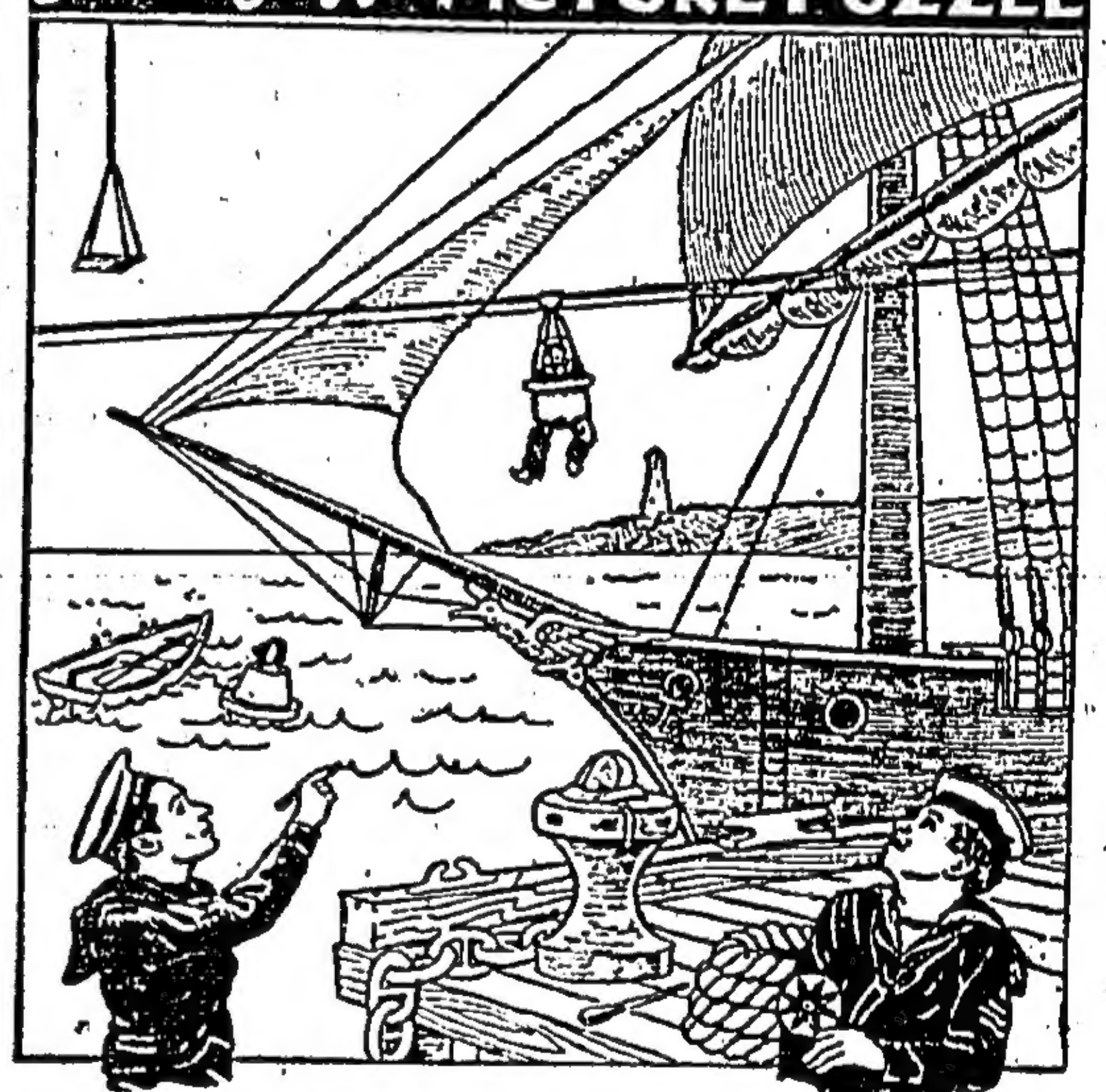
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Goncharoff's Pupils Rehearse



The photographer caught George Goncharoff instructing Ellen Ford in a pose during rehearsals.—Jaffer.



Peggy Scotcher ties her ballet shoes during a rehearsal hour at the Goncharoff School of Dance.—Jaffer.



These small pupils at the Goncharoff School of Dance are taking a lively interest in the rehearsals for the forthcoming ballet "Sleeping Beauty".—Jaffer.



Long hours of practice are needed to perfect this beautiful pose as demonstrated above by Peggy Scotcher.—Jaffer.



Goncharoff pupils with their ballet master posing for a final group during rehearsals. They will present the ballet "Sleeping Beauty" at the King's Theatre on February 2.—Jaffer.



Peggy Scotcher and Ellen Ford as they will appear in the "Sleeping Beauty" ballet.—D'Asie Studios.

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*BEHAR	6,000	11th Feb.	Bombay, M'selles & London.
RANCHI	17,000	18th Feb.	M'selles & London.
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CAMPBORWOOD BOXES

Charge of Fraudulent Conversion of Money

Further evidence in the case against Wong Tat-nam, alias Wong Kwong-hing, alleged to have stolen 20 sets of camphorwood boxes, valued at \$700, on September 11, and to have fraudulently converted to his own use the sum of \$700 received on account of Central and Company, was heard before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. M. A. da Silva prosecuted for the complainant. Pun Nam-shun, while Mr. J. M. D'Almeida Remedios appeared for Wong. Mr. H. A. de B. Botelho was present for Ip Hong-ting, proprietor of the boxes. Ip Hong-ting, proprietor of the boxes, said he was introduced to the defendant by a friend, who said he had some camphorwood boxes for sale. He was told the goods were from a shop which had closed down. The transaction was completed on November 11, and the police arrived at his shop about ten days later. Mr. Kam, 15, apprentice of the Central Company, said he was instructed by Pun to take the boxes and go with Wong to Gloucester Road, where they were loaded on to a rickshaw. He heard his master ask Wong for the money, and Wong told his master to go with him to the office for it.

The crew of the rickshaw were told by Pun not to leave, but shortly after this the boatmen rowed away. The hearing was adjourned until January 16.

COAL THEFT ALLEGED

Four men, Cheng Sal-to, 42, Lai Sui-tsin, 36, Lee Yau-sun, 36, and Hong Wai-man, 25, appeared before Mr. Q. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday in connection with the loss of 15 tons of coal from the coal yard of John Manners & Company on December 15. Cheng Sal-to was accused of the theft, and the others were charged with conspiracy. On the application of the police, the case was adjourned for three days.

MUI-TSUI COMPLAINS

Alleged Ill-treatment Of Unregistered Girl

Li Tsun-ming, 40, unemployed, and Yau Yit-hung, 40, married woman, were charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday with having employed an unregistered mui-tsui, Li Shun-hop, aged 12, at Eastern Street, on January 7, ill-treating a mui-tsui, and ill-treating a child under 16 years of age.

Mr. H. W. Fraser, Inspector of Mui-tsui, said that a very bad report had been received from the medical officer who examined the girl, who had been struck on the legs, head and back with a feather duster by first defendant, and with a piece of firewood by the woman.

Li claimed the girl as a relative, while Yau said the girl had struck her with the piece of wood and she had snatched it and struck her back. Hearing was fixed for January 19, for a fine of \$100 each being allowed defendants.

HEALTH BULLETINS

One case of Diphtheria, four of Typhoid, six of Measles, three of Chicken-pox, two of Meningitis, and five of Dysentery, were reported to the Health authorities on Monday.

During the past week, two cases of Cholera with one death, six of Small-pox with five deaths, 10 of Diphtheria with seven deaths, one of Scarlet Fever, seven of Typhoid with two deaths, 22 of Measles with eight deaths, two of Chicken-pox, three of Meningitis with one death, 18 of Dysentery with eight deaths, two of Puerperal Fever, and 112 deaths from Tuberculosis, were also reported.



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Social Items

The engagement is announced of Gerhard Kuehls, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Kuehls of Hongkong, and Marelli Berg, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Berg of Shanghai.

A most enjoyable function took place yesterday in St. Andrew's Church Hall, which was decorated with flags, when the St. Andrew's Women's Guild held their New Year Party. Community singing, quiet games and competitions were the order of the day, and the party was voted a great success.

After living in the Colony for 38 years and being attached to St. Andrew's Church since its consecration over thirty years ago, Mrs. E. F. Stoneham left Kowloon for home yesterday and will not return. She and her husband are going to live at their house at Broadstairs, Kent. There can be very few other British people in the Colony who have been here for that length of time, representing that old school of Britishers who built up the Colony. Mrs. Stoneham stands for the best in that tradition, and has always been faithful to her Church, comments the "Advertiser."

LATE NEWS

"World War In The Spring"—Kennedy

Washington, Jan. 10. "A world war may start in the spring," Ambassador Joseph Kennedy is reported to have told the joint Military Affairs Committee of both Houses today, when reporting on the European situation, according to a member of the committee.

Mr. Bullitt, the Ambassador to France, is said to have concurred with this view.

Mr. Kennedy was quoted with predicting that war might break out as a result of a German invasion of the Ukraine, or if Italy should attempt to seize Tunis.

Mr. Kennedy is said to have submitted to the committee data with regard to German air strength supplied by Colonel Lindbergh, which reputedly credits Germany with a first-line strength of 10,000 planes, and an output of 1,200 planes a month.

Mr. Kennedy is quoted as saying: "The lesson of all this is preparedness."

Hungary Withdraws From League

Rome, Jan. 11. Hungary has decided to withdraw from the League of Nations and will communicate her decision to Geneva in the next few days, reliable information indicates.

It is pointed out that Hungary recently made definite moves to befriend the countries adhering to the anti-Comintern Pact. It concluded a cultural agreement with Japan and on Tuesday formally recognized Manchukuo.—Domci.

TRAFFIC BREACHES

Europeans Fined For Minor Offences

B. M. Bateman, of Jardine Matheson and Company Ltd., was fined \$10 by Mr. J. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a summons for overtaking a moving vehicle on the left-hand side on December 30. He was cautioned on another charge of having no red rear light on his motor car.

Traffic Sergeant F. G. Appleton said that he followed the car along Queen's Road Central about 7.30 p.m. on December 30, as the rear light was cut. At the junction of Garden Road the car was stopped by a traffic signal. On moving off, it followed another car which had stopped at the signal, but passed the car on the near side when near the west corner of Garden Road.

Defendant, in evidence, said that he was under the impression that the car in front intended to turn round the front of the Hongkong Bank Building.

Fines amounting to \$10 were imposed on P. Barten, of the Gloucester Hotel, when he admitted having exceeded the parking time limit in Charter Road on December 24 and 25.

Mrs. G. V. Churchill, of May Road, was fined \$5 for leaving her car unattended in Queen's Road Central on December 28.

Denial of Charges

F/Lt. R. C. S. Allin, of Kai Tak Aerodrome, was summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday for not having been in a position to have full control of his car in Nathan Road on December 14, and for having driven without due care and caution.

Allin denied both charges, and hearing of the case was fixed for Friday, January 13, at 2.30 p.m.

Asking Allin if he had time to attend Court on January 13, Mr. Macfadyen inquired, smilingly: "You are not superstitious, are you?"

Allin: "Not very sir. I think I can manage that day."

The case was adjourned because one of the prosecution's witnesses is in the New Territories.

ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY

Annual Meeting Reviews Year's Activities.

The annual meeting of Cymdeithas Dewi Sant (St. David's Society) was held yesterday, when the president, Mr. E. W. Davies, occupied the chair. Mr. Davies was unanimously re-elected president and Mr. E. Lloyd Jones elected vice-president.

The following committee was appointed.—Mrs. J. G. Hooper, Mrs. K. Cooper, Messrs. W. A. Jones, D. F. Davies, D. Davies, E. R. Price and E. C. Thomas.

It was decided to hold the annual dinner on St. David's day, March 1, at the Hongkong Hotel, and to arrange a cocktail party and a hiking party during the Chinese New Year holidays.

Mr. Davies strongly urged members to make an effort to increase the membership, as it was felt that there were many residents of Welsh nationality in the Colony who were eligible for membership.

The annual report showed there were 41 members, including six life members. The activities of the Society were from time to time communicated to the librarian of the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth.

Accounts showed an expenditure of \$385, leaving a balance in hand of \$45.

RETREAT PLAYED

Retreat was played by the Band at the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots, at the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday, before Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble, the Commander-in-Chief, and others.

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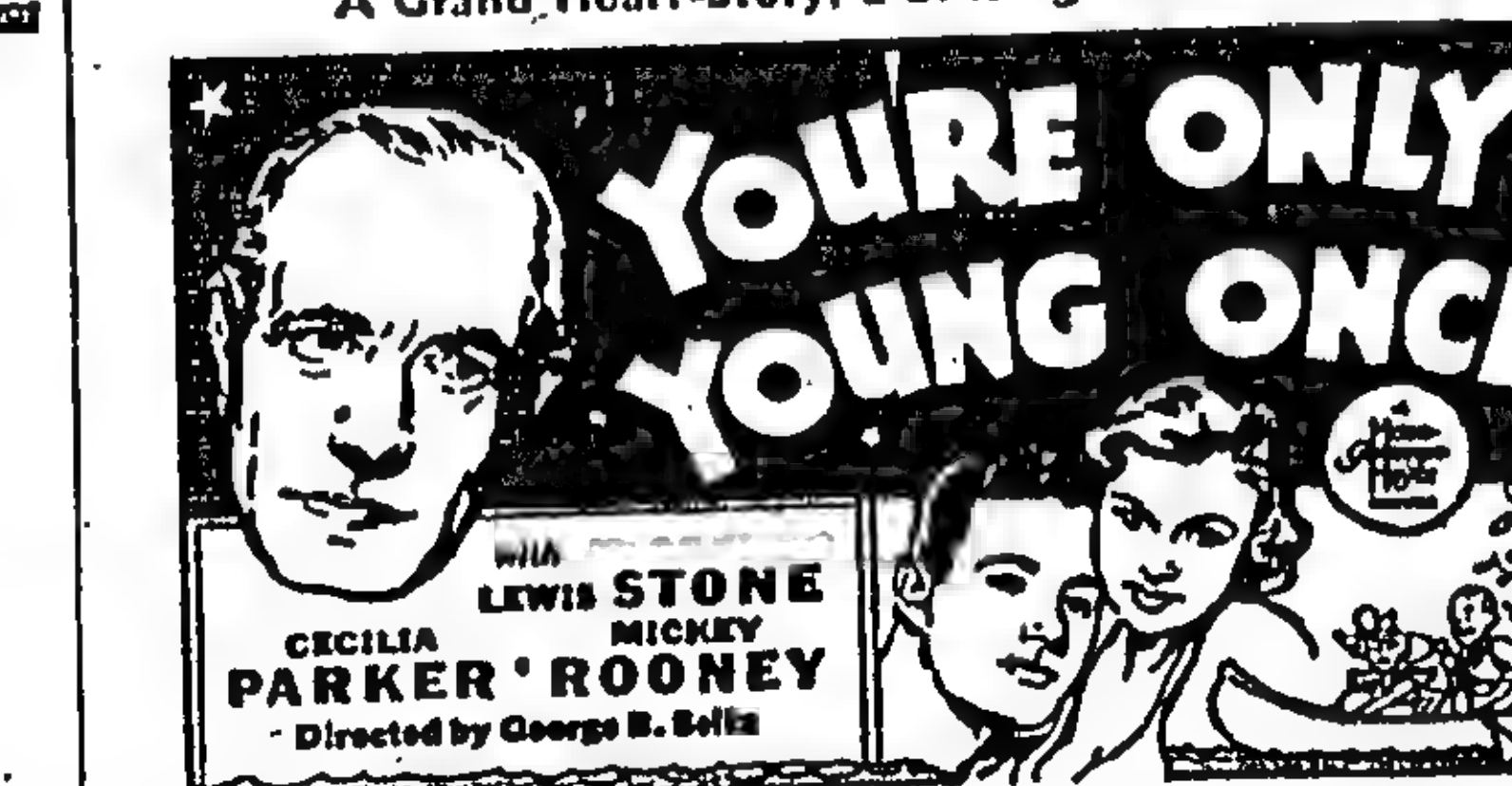
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Office before the new building was erected on the water-front. This was in Des Voeux Road behind the Queen's Theatre. The manager was Mr. L. E. Hopkins, and he had a staff of three Chinese and one Portuguese. After several months he was succeeded by Mr. C. Chumplin, and the present manager, Mr. W. J. Waddington, has been in the position since 1929. The offices of the bank were moved into Marina House when the new block was opened two years ago.

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WAR IN 1939 INEVITABLE, U.S. AMBASSADORS WARN

OUTSPOKEN REPORTS BY LEADING ENVOYS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10. ACCORDING TO THE CONSIDERED OPINION OF AMERICAN DIPLOMATS, A GENERAL EUROPEAN WAR BEFORE THE COMING SUMMER AT PRESENT APPEARS INEVITABLE, SAYS A "UNITED PRESS" MESSAGE.

The report says that Mr. William C. Bullitt, Ambassador to France, and Mr. Joseph Kennedy, Ambassador to London, have informed the Congressional Committee for Military affairs that the outbreak of a general European war before the summer at present appeared inevitable.

Insurgents Claim New Catalan Successes

SARAGOSSA, Jan. 10. WITH THE CAPTURE of the town of Tarrega today, the Insurgent troops have achieved another important success on the Catalan front, according to "Trans-Ocean."

Early this morning, General Moscardo's army continued its advance along the Lerida-Tarrega road and occupied the villages of Bellpuig and Villa Grasa.

The Maestrazgo army, under General Garcia Valino, who were operating in the north, advanced simultaneously along the Artesa de Segre and Tarrega roads.

The latter town, which was the key position of the Loyalist defence line, was thus menaced alike from the west and north.

TARREGA ENCIRCLED

After a short but severe struggle, the columns advancing from the north occupied the airport of Tarrega and the village of Clara Valls. They then joined hands with General Moscardo's forces, which were coming from the west, so that Tarrega was completely encircled.

Despite the embittered resistance by the garrison, the town was considered in the early hours of this afternoon as being in the possession of the insurgents, although a few isolated groups of Loyalists were still fighting out and were continuing fighting.

IMPORTANT JUNCTION

Tarrega is particularly important owing to its situation which is at the junction of the roads from Lerida to Barcelona and from Montblanch to Artesa de Segre.

On the southern wing of the Catalan front, the troops of the Navarre army are now directly before Montblanch. They have occupied the heights of San Jose to the south and west of the town and cut off the road to Tarrega in the north.

The only road now open to the Loyalists is the one leading to Tarragona. Since this morning, the Insurgent artillery has been bombarding the town and it is expected that the Insurgents will storm the latter in the course of this evening.—Trans-Ocean.

C. IN C. TO LEAVE FOR SAIGON

H.M.S. Kent, flying the flag of the Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble, and accompanied by H.M.S. Kentmouth, will sail for Saigon and Manila on Sunday.

The flagship is due to return to Hongkong on February 2.

SECRET DASH TO ROME

ROME, Jan. 10. A PERSONAL MESSAGE from General Franco has been brought to Signor Mussolini by a special Insurgent envoy.—Reuter.

It is reported that the ambassadors gave pictures of France unwilling to proceed any further with the appeasement policy. They predict that, despite the current British doctrine of "peace at any price," it appeared probable that Britain would be drawn into war as a natural ally of France.

Questioned at length, the ambassadors are reported to have answered frankly, but they refrained from mentioning American policy, except to express the belief that the United States would not be drawn into the conflict immediately.

Nazis Strong Position

It is reported that they stressed Germany's strong position in armaments, particularly aeroplanes, which they attributed to the copying and perfecting of American mass-production methods.

Meanwhile, according to reports, they asserted that Britain and France had lagged in re-armament, which was the chief factor of Britain's conciliatory attitude.

However, the ambassadors represented that France was no longer willing to back down before totalitarian demands, despite apparent inferiority in armaments.

ONLY A MATTER OF MONTHS

Mr. Kennedy is reported to have said that Britain's appeasement policy was so deep-rooted, that she would permit Hitler to build an air base in Canada, rather than go to war.

On the other hand, Mr. Bullitt is reported to have represented France as being absolutely opposed to meeting any territorial and colonial demands possibly advanced by Germany and Italy. It was explained that the adamant attitude of the French was largely due to the knowledge that in the event of war, Britain had no alternative to the military alliance with France, and that Russia would also join the democracies against the totalitarians.

Thus France is not expected to meet Italy's demand for French possessions, which would possibly precipitate a crisis, unless Mussolini "about faces," or accepts French terms for participation in the Suez Canal operations.

INTENSIFY CRISIS

The informant said that the ambassadors apparently considered postponement of hostilities but temporary expedients which serve only to intensify the ultimate crisis.

Mr. Kennedy is reported to have described the general attitude of the British population as "Defeatist" and that British youth accepted the belief that war was only a matter of months.—United Press.

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LINDBERGH REPORT

Committee members revealed that there was some discussion on a report said to have been made by Colonel Lindbergh on Germany's air strength.

It was stated that the ambassadors represented Germany as being glad that the report was made, but it is explained that Colonel Lindbergh's (Continued on Page 12.)



KING CAROL.

Assassins' Bomb For King Carol

Premature Explosion Uncerths Plot

LONDON, Jan. 10. THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT of the "Daily Telegraph & Morning Post" states that reports reaching London leave no doubt that a plot against the life of King Carol has been frustrated during the past 48 hours.

The Iron Guards, Rumania's Fascist organisation, are believed to have been responsible for the plot.

The plot was brought to light by the premature explosion of a bomb, which led to the discovery of the assassins.

Wholesale arrests have been made and the Government is adopting drastic measures against the Fascist organisation.

The plot is believed to have been hatched in retaliation for the recent killing of Corneliu Codreanu, the terrorist anti-Semitic Fascist leader of the Iron Guard. The Iron Guard organisation, which has been suppressed by order of King Carol, boasted 1,500,000 followers in Rumania.

Kinshan Goes To Canton

The Steamboat Company's Steamer Kinshan departed for Canton this morning.

She is the first merchant vessel, other than the relief Steamer Wuchang, to go to Canton since the Japanese occupation of that city.

The Kinshan departed at 8 a.m. with 40 European passengers on board for Shamen.

The trip is the result of repeated consultations between the British and Japanese authorities, and it is hoped a regular bi-weekly service will be inaugurated in the near future.

In accordance with the understanding reached between the Japanese and the Company, no Chinese passengers and cargoes are on board, nor is any mail being carried.

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Premier Facing Gravest Issues

ROME, Jan. 10. WITH THE STAGE set in an imposing fashion for the arrival of the British Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, and Lord Halifax, events in the last few hours have tended to bring home to political circles here the immensity of the task confronting the British and Italian statesmen.

The Italian press is continuing to maintain its claims on France.

The "Tribuna" declares this evening that France is refusing to recognise the justice of the Italian claims which are based on the London pact.

Well-informed circles here are maintaining, in even greater insistence than formerly, that Italy has no intention of modifying its claims, especially with respect to Djibouti.

It would appear that official Italian circles are "certain" that the British statesmen will discuss this question as well as the problem of Franco-Italian relations, although no attempt is being made to overlook the last minute efforts made by the French Government to induce the British statesmen to steer clear of these points as far as possible.

As a consequence, the Paris interlude has already caused a good deal of resentment here.

ROME RESENTMENT

In putting forward Italy's case, much is made of the promise made to Italy when she entered the Great War, especially as to her title to compensation in accordance with Paragraph 13 of the secret London Pact.

Italy appears quite resolved to go to all lengths to get this claim settled.

Another point fraught with difficulties is the Spanish problem.

Italy, it is declared, will reject all attempts to solve the Spanish question by way of compromise.

Very great importance is attached here to the successes achieved by General Franco in Catalonia. The imputation is that as these successes have brought General Franco within the grasp of a final victory, Italy has now no longer any need to insist on the granting of belligerent rights to General Franco.

It is presumed here that the scope of the talks will be extended to include such matters as the improvement of the situation in Spain.—(Continued on Page 12.)

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TERRITORIAL STRENGTH

LONDON, Jan. 10. The Territorial Army strength at the beginning of the year was 240,000 officers and men, which brings it above the strength of the regular army held before the Great War.

The revised establishment of the Territorial Army is now 224,000.—Reuter.

Neutral Zone For Czech Hungarian Frontier

PRAGUE, Jan. 10. THE SUGGESTION that a neutral zone be extended all along the frontier between Carpatho-Ukraine and Hungary is made in a note from Czechoslovakia to Hungary, in reply to the latter's protest about the Munkacsvo incident.

The Czechoslovak note maintains that the incident originated in shots from the Hungarian side.

It suggests that the affair, together with the incident at Dovhe on Sunday, should be referred to a mixed Czech-Hungarian Commission, which would be empowered to make a final arbitration.—Reuter.

Japanese Smashed In New China Offensive

SIAN, Jan. 11. THE JAPANESE DRIVE in West Shansi has been stemmed by a smashing Chinese counter-offensive, urgent military reports from the front reveal.

Four important towns, recently fallen into Japanese hands, namely Chihshien, Taining, Puhshien and Siangning, have been recovered by the Chinese in rapid succession.

Encountering only feeble resistance on the way, the Chinese who counter-attacked Chihshien, where the Japanese had attempted to cross the Yellow River to invade Shensi, smashed into the city on Sunday night, and challenged the enemy to street fighting. In the meantime, all strategic heights in the vicinity were re-occupied by the Chinese.

For fear of being bottled up, the Japanese retreated under cover of darkness towards Siangning, in the southeast.

The Chinese reached Siangning yesterday and after a fierce battle drove the Japanese out of this city. The invaders continued their retreat towards Hsien, in the south.

Meanwhile, Taining, north-east of Chihshien, and Puhshien, south-east of Taining, were also abandoned by the Japanese owing to strong Chinese pressure.

The Japanese attempt to cross the Yellow River into Shensi has been abandoned.—Central News.

DEATH FOR 5 ARABS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10. FIVE ARABS were sentenced to death to-day by a British court martial.

These Arabs were among those who were taken into custody during the collisions in the village of Jatta in the Hebron district at the turn of the year.

In numerous Arab villages, domiciliary searches have been made by various British regiments.—Trans-Ocean.

TO CONFER WITH MUFTI

CAIRO, Jan. 10. The French High Commissioner in Syria has given unconditional permission to members of the Palestinian High Committee to enter Syria in order, personally to confer with the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem at Beirut.—Trans-Ocean.

Sentences In Nazi Trials

BERLIN, Jan. 10. SENTENCE ON THE Radical writer, Ernst Nickisch, and his associates, charged with high treason, was pronounced by the People's Court to-day, after a trial lasting eight days.

Nickisch was sentenced to penal servitude for life and the permanent loss of civil rights for the "preparation of high treason and the illegal organisation of a political party."

The second accused, Herr Drexel was sentenced to three and a half years penal servitude and loss of civil rights for three years on similar charges, while the third accused, Herr Troeger was sentenced to 21 months imprisonment.

In the latter case, accused is considered to have purged his sentence while under remand.

It was established during the trial that Nickisch attempted to "continue his National-Bolshevik Widerstandsbewegung (Movement of Resistance)" which dates back as far as 1928, despite prohibition of political parties after 1933. "By his speeches and writings, he had attempted to propagate a Bolshevist Utopia."

The trial revealed that "enormous intellectual efforts were, from the beginning, bound to fail in view of the political attitude of the entire German people, so that the court therefore abstained from inflicting the death sentence."—Trans-Ocean.

Hungary Withdraws From League

ROME, Jan. 11. Hungary has decided to withdraw from the League of Nations and will communicate her decision to Geneva in the next few days, reliable information indicates.

It is pointed out that Hungary recently made definite moves to become friendly to the countries adhering to the anti-Comintern Pact. It concluded a cultural agreement with Japan and on Tuesday formally recognised Manchukuo.—Domei.

Formosa Takes S'hai Market

SHANGHAI, Jan. 10. A Japanese paper here reports an increasing influx of Formosan goods into Shanghai.

Some of these are said to out-distance similar goods from other countries.

With 60,000 tons of sugar in 1938, against 5,000 tons in 1937, Formosa topped the import list, even threatening to monopolise the market.

With the original price low, and shipping costs small, Formosan sugar constitutes a big rival for Java's sugar exports.

At the same time, the paper expects that Formosan fruits and vegetables will, to a large extent, replace the Singapore goods.

The O.S.K. shipping line is said to be contemplating an increase in passenger and cargo services between Shanghai and Formosa in order to link up the producer and consumer markets.—Trans-Ocean.

Move For New Monarchy

£1,000,000 Restored To Ex-King: Franco Wants Son To Rule

EX-KING Alfonso of Spain is to gain nearly £1,000,000 by the decision of General Franco to restore the privately owned property which was confiscated by the Spanish Parliament seven years ago.

He is also to enjoy his rights as a Spanish citizen. But that does not mean that he is going to get his throne back.

At the same time, there is a strong desire among the various parties that constitute General Franco's following to restore the monarchy as quickly as possible.

The grandees, the church, the military caste and the bulk of the peasants all want a King again on the throne of Spain.

But the King will not be Alfonso.

The man they want is Alfonso's third son, Don Juan, who served for some years as a Midshipman in the British Navy.

Don Juan is warmly in favour of General Franco's policy, and has already offered to fight in the Franco Army.

Any proposal to place Don Juan on the throne of Spain would be supported by the British Government, it is understood, because he is friendly to Britain.

Another reason for Britain's sup-

Chinese Co-ed Repressed

Tucson, Ariz.
A Chinese co-ed daughter of a former ambassador to the United States, was denied permission to enroll as a cadet in the Reserve Officers Training Corps of the University of Arizona. Hing Kee Chow, freshman student, said she wanted to be a soldier and fight Japan.

port is that a King on the throne of Spain would be accompanied by a policy of "Spain for the Spaniards," and would prevent Hitler and Mussolini from getting an economic and diplomatic stranglehold on the country.

Loss Of Nerve Explained

IT is a common experience that, as an apparent result of some emergency or accident, a certain number of people, in popular phraseology, "lose their nerve."

In medical phraseology this may include the development, or manifestation of a condition of neurasthenia, hysteria, neurosis, psychoneurosis or psychosis, terms on the exact meaning of which doctors themselves tend to differ, but which connote, in varying degrees, a mental as well as a physical factor.

There are many people who, after a bad fall while climbing a mountain or a ladder, or after a smash while driving a car, feel unable to climb or drive again, or are apprehensive if they have to do so.

There are others who, after some injury to an arm or leg—and long after the physical injury has healed or been repaired—manifest losses of movement or sensation in the affected part, or develop some curious gait or other disability for which there is no apparent reason.

INTERESTING SURVEY
The war gave an enormous opportunity for the laying down of at least a few general principles on the problems of such people.

This is emphasized in an extremely interesting survey of the whole question by Dr. William Brend in his recently published book, "Traumatic Mental Disorders in Courts of Law" (Heinemann, 7s. 6d.).

As a neurologist to the Ministry of Pensions, and a medical assessor, Dr. Brend has had an unusually wide experience. And briefly he is sceptical, from the purely medical standpoint, whether in the great majority of cases an accident or emergency can in itself produce the permanent condition that might be summed up in the term "loss of nerve."

Although, for instance, as he points out, there were large numbers of such cases amongst those serving in the War, a considerable proportion of them had seen no active service, and there was no observable relation between the severity of a wound and a subsequent loss of nerve.

An accident brings into light, rather than actually causes, some previously underlying defect of mental and physical co-ordination that evinces itself in some conscious fear or loss of bodily control.



President Roosevelt, stamp collector, receives a souvenir sheet of Christmas seals, in his White House office. Left to right: Dr. James G. Townsend, president of the local tuberculosis association; Mrs. Ernest R. Grant, managing director, and Dr. Thomas Parran, Surgeon General and a director of the National Tuberculosis Association.

The 22nd Arrives For Granfer George

ANOTHER grandchild, his 22nd, has arrived for Mr. George Lansbury, M.P. No one loves children more than Mr. Lansbury, but he looks at all his descendants sometimes and wonders a little fearfully and yet with hopes that—

However, let the Grand Old Man of the East End speak for himself on what it is like to be the doyen of what he confesses is becoming something of a Lansbury Tribe.

"Yes," he said, "I have my twenty-second grandchild. It is Eric's this time—my youngest son—and the baby is a great big bonny boy weighing 8½ lb. That makes—how many grandsons? Bessie has one, Bill three, Dolly one, Violet two, Edgar two, and this is Eric's third. That makes 12 grandsons.

"How do I feel about it? Well, I love children and enjoy their arrival like anyone else who is human, but there is in these days a terrible undecorated of fear about what is to happen to them. This is Eric's third boy and I continually ask myself what their future is going to be."

Mr. Lansbury paused. "And yet through it all," he went on, "I have a sort of hunch, as people would say, that things will not be as bad as we fear. There is in the world to-day a terrific desire for peace. We must not allow ourselves to be blinded by noise.

"And so when I look at my little grandchildren I still adhere to my view, in spite of all the shouting, that war is not inevitable, and in my heart of hearts I think that these boys, for whom I sometimes fear, will, if they are given the life, live through the most vital period of the world's history."

"And now I must go and see my new grandson as soon as I can."

Auto Tourists From Afar

Sacramento, Cal.

California attracted automobile visitors from 27 countries of the world during recent months, according to a check on licences issued. The foreign visitors came from the Latin American countries, China, Japan, Arabia, England, France, Switzerland and India.



Prince Paul, Regent of Yugoslavia, who took over the government after the assassination of his brother, King Alexander, in Marseilles four years ago, leaves the Russian church in London with Princess Olga. Word from New York police that assassins were en route on the Queen Mary to kill him caused Paul to quit London under heavy guard.

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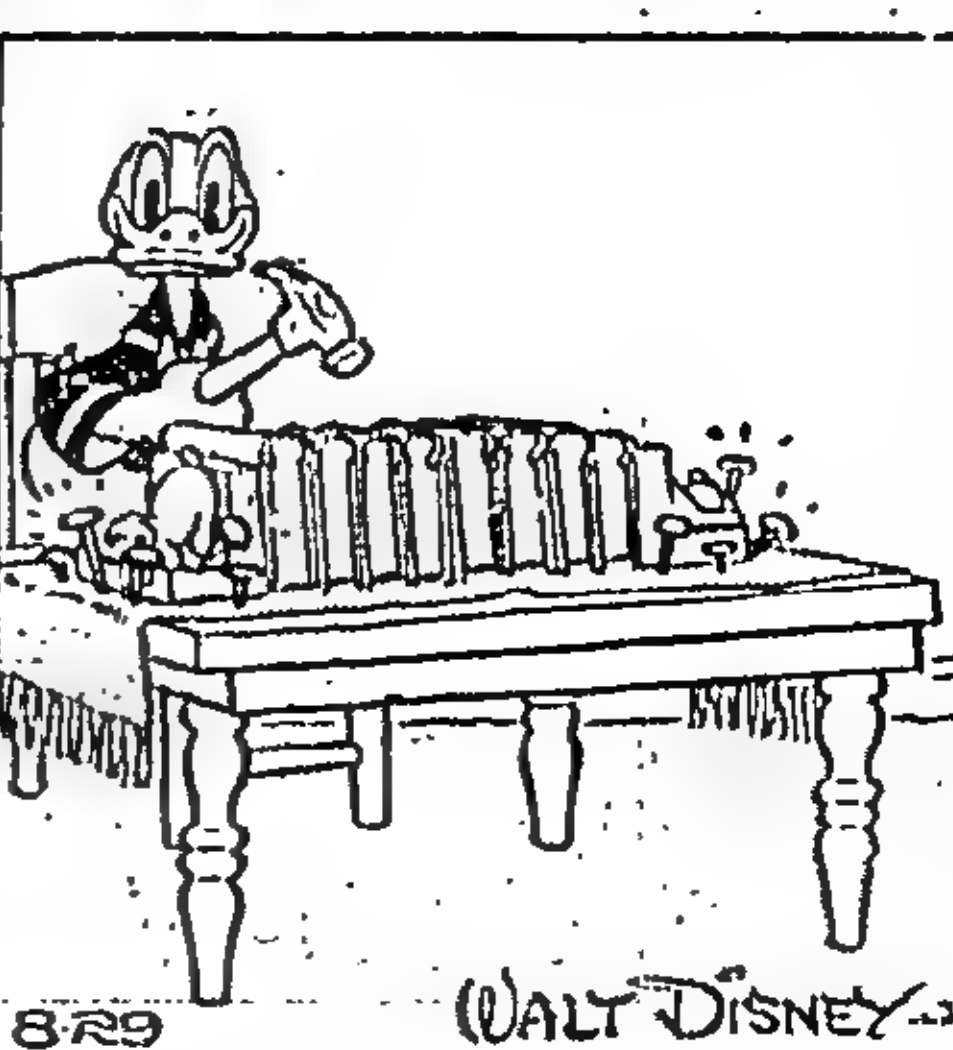
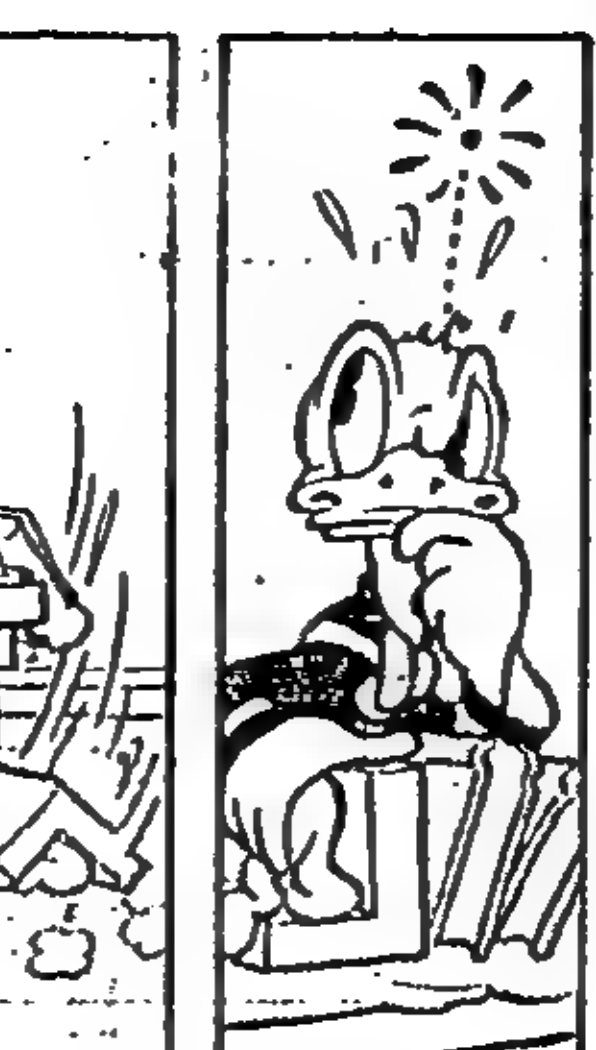
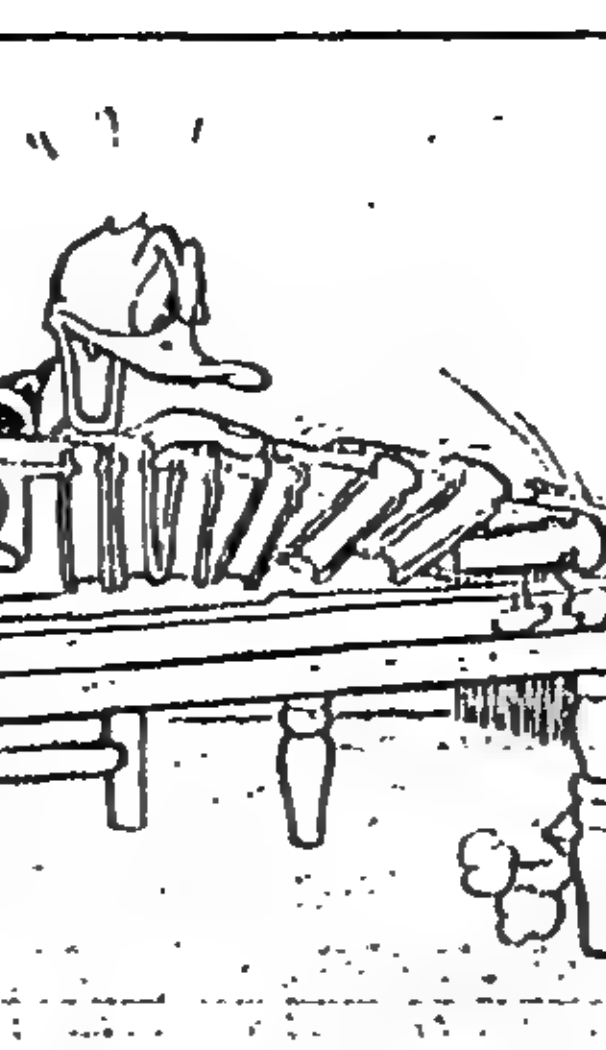
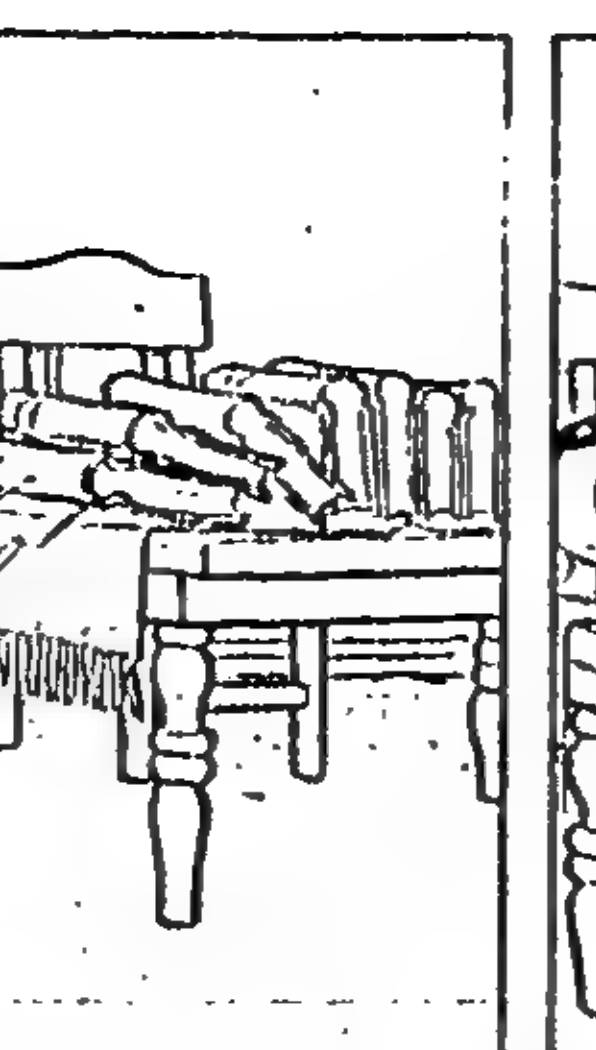
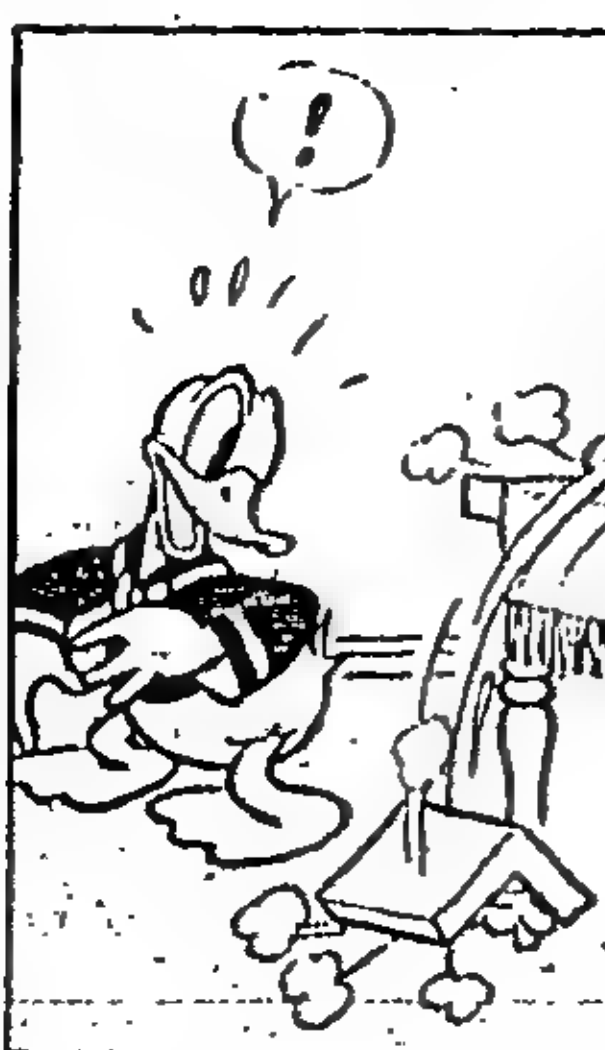
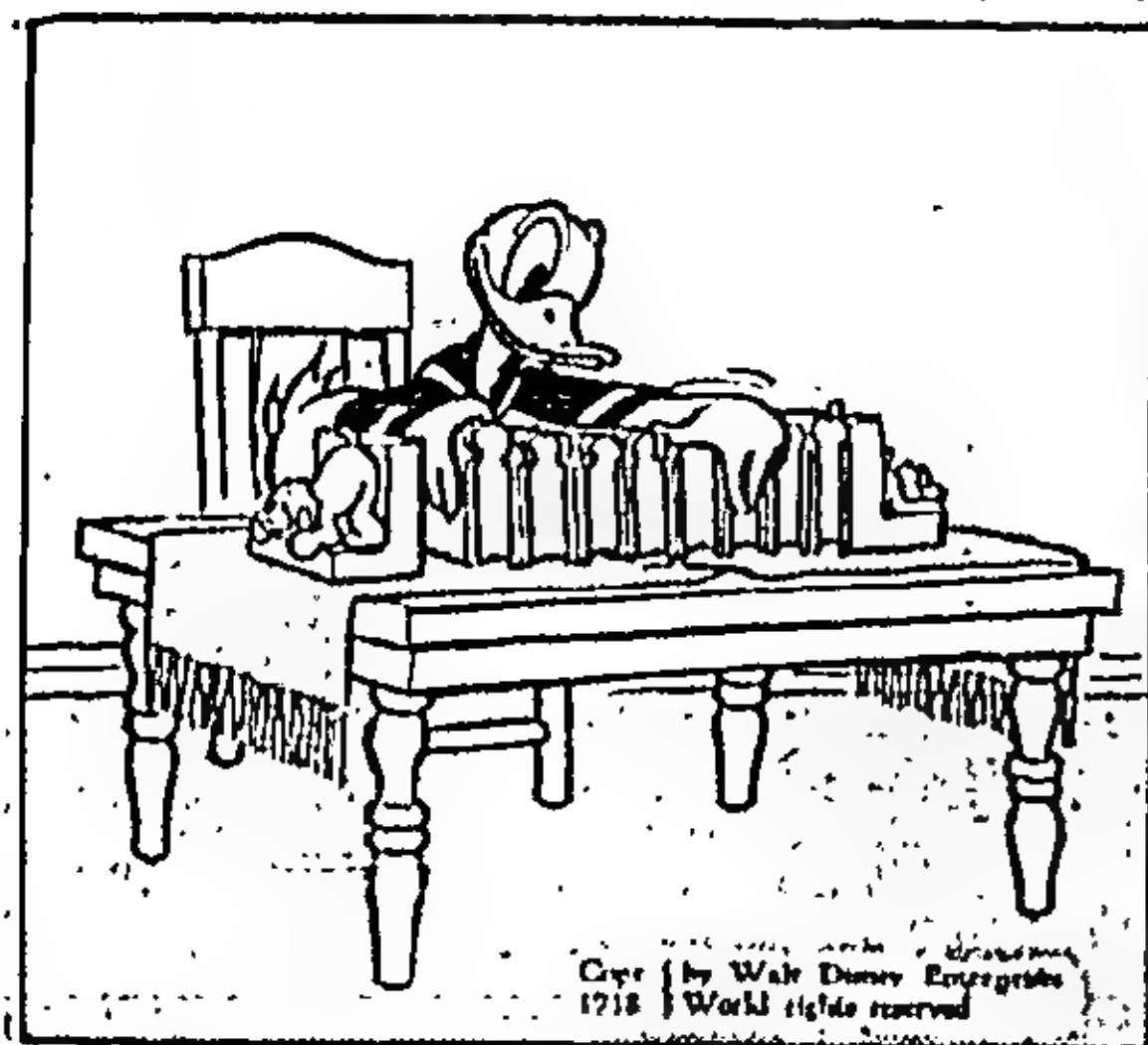
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Hungarians
Recognise
Manchukuo
Conquest

TOKYO, Jan. 10.
THE RECOGNITION of Manchukuo by Hungary has caused great satisfaction here.

Political circles believe that it foreshadows Hungary's adhesion to the anti-Comintern pact.

The Premier, Baron Hiranuma, in a telegram to the Hungarian Premier, Baron Bela de Imredy, expressed his gratification at the decision of the Hungarian Government, and his hope that the friendly relations between Hungary, Manchukuo, and Japan would become still closer.

A spokesman of the Japanese Office likewise expressed his satisfaction at the recognition.

The spokesman stressed that relations between Japan and Hungary had become increasingly friendly in consequence of the cultural agreement recently concluded between the two countries, and that on the other hand, Hungary was on cordial terms with the other two signatories of the anti-Comintern pact—Germany and Italy.—Trans-Ocean.

Nazis' Pound
Of Flesh

Will Barter Jews
For Money

BERLIN, Jan. 10.
DR. SCHACHT, President of the Reichsbank, is expected to return from Basle to-night to begin discussions to-morrow with the Refugee Committee, headed by Mr. George Rublee. The committee arrived here to-day.

It is learned that discussions will be based on the plan which Dr. Schacht took to London, but it is understood that Dr. Schacht has hinted that the plan is not Germany's last word.

Germany apparently imagines that world Jewry is prepared to call off the anti-German boycott in order to help their brethren in Germany, but there is good reason to believe that foreign Jewish resources are already drained, assisting German Jews.

Dr. Schacht is understood to have given a definite assurance that there will be no further anti-Jewish measures in Germany unless negotiations for an emigration loan break down.—Reuter.

SASSOON SENDS AID
TO SHAI JEWS

Shanghai, Jan. 10.
Coincident with the arrival next Sunday of the Italian liner, Victoria, bringing 200 German-Jewish refugees here to seek towards the 2,000 mark, the Jewish Committee has announced that Sir Victor Sassoon, the "richest foreigner in the Far East," has cabled from England remitting a large, but undisclosed, sum of money. The arrival of the Victoria dis-

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9.50 Request Programme.

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Latin; Aria (From Suite In D—

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Piano accom. by Otto Schultze;

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Schubert)....Elisabeth Schumann

(Soprano) with Piano accom. by

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Reich Floats
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AN HISTORIC SPEECH

Roosevelt Praised by Anthony Eden

LONDON, Jan. 10.

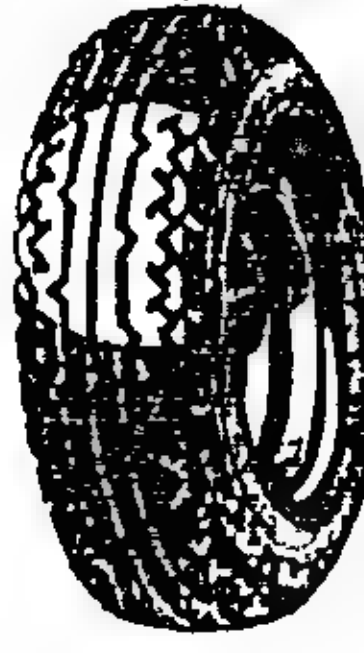
THE DEFINITION by President Roosevelt of the American attitude to the problems of the modern world would surely become historic, declared Mr. Anthony Eden, speaking as a guest at the American Chamber of Commerce in London to-day.

He added: "That speech is in itself, a masterpiece of clarity and candour, but it is something more than that. It is a sign-post which points the way along which all liberty-nations of the world would wish to travel.

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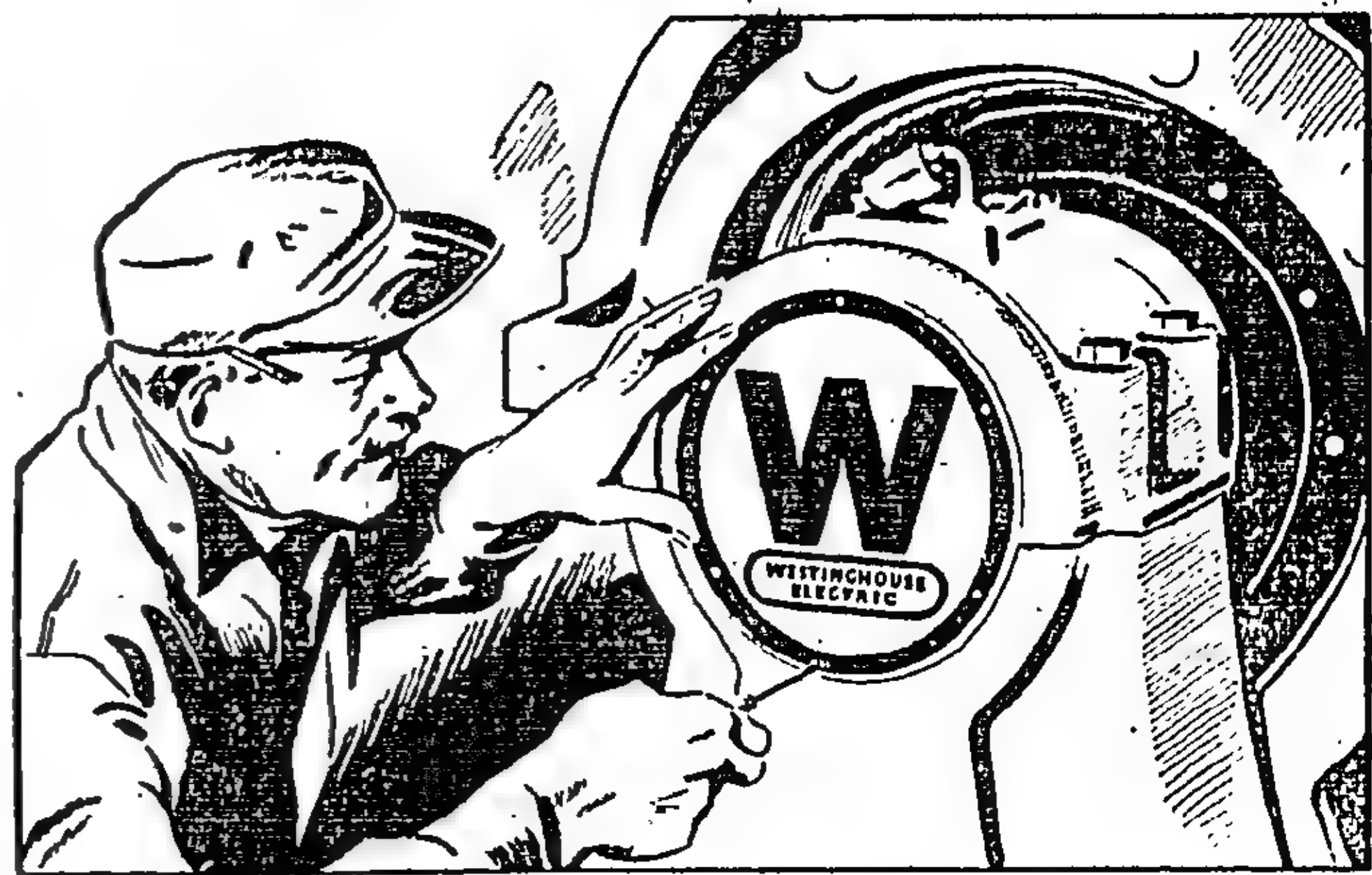


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January 11, 1939

When Is a War?

GREAT BRITAIN, thus far, has steered clear of the ticklish international problem created by the hostilities between China and Japan. Neither China nor Japan will admit that a war is in progress and there has been no formal declaration. Diplomatically, this pretence has not only suited Japan and China but also, apparently, the Western Powers.

In the detention in Hongkong of a number of Chinese soldiers, interned in Kowloon City until, presumably, the termination of hostilities, the Hongkong Government appears to have set a precedent which can quite conceivably have unforeseen results.

Blockade

THE DANGER in the visit to Rome this week of the Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, is that he may be induced by Signor Mussolini to grant belligerent rights to Franco in Spain—the right to stop, in the High Seas off England or anywhere else, any ship which may be carrying supplies to the Loyalists.

The granting of belligerent rights to Franco would not necessarily end the war through starving the Loyalists of arms and war materials. But it would probably end the war by starving the women and children in Loyalist Spain. There are 3,715,000 children and over 3,000,000 refugees from other parts of Spain in Loyalist territory. Theirs is a problem of cruel distress on a mass scale. For the Loyalists there is neither peace nor plenty, but war and scarcity. Any concession to Franco will place into insurgent hands the deadly weapon of starvation.

Intervention

FOR TWO and a half years the Spanish people have been defending their elected Government against a military rebellion begun and supported by Totalitarian States.

While Britain and other democratic countries have forbidden the sending of arms to the Loyalists in the name of "Non-Intervention," Italy and Germany have openly sent armies, aeroplanes and "advisers" to General Franco, and have publicly boasted of breaking "Non-Intervention."

Without their backing, Franco's rebellion would never have started or, at the utmost, would have been stillborn.

The Earth is Getting late . . . Days are longer . . . Sun-spots are upsetting Radio . . .

It may be
The Driest Period for Years

OBSERVATIONS made at Greenwich have shown that the Moon is departing from its calculated course. At the present time it is farther from its position, according to the theory of gravitation, than it has been at any time since 1680.

The blame for this apparently erratic behaviour is to be put on our own Earth.

The Earth provides us with our standard of time: the day. If the length of the day changes because the Earth does not turn round on its axis at a constant rate, the Moon will be in a slightly different place in the heavens from that in which we expect to find it.

Other bodies, such as the Sun, Mercury or Venus are also found to be in positions that are slightly different from their calculated ones, but as the motions of these bodies in the sky are slower than that of the Moon their errors are not so great.

Friction of Tides

THE astronomer can use either the Earth, the Moon, the Sun, Mercury or Venus, as a clock; and the last four of these agree in showing that the Earth is a bad timekeeper.

It is easy to see why the day should gradually get longer. The friction of tidal waters on the beds of the oceans acts as a brake on the rotation of the Earth and gradually slows it down.

This process will go on for millions of years, until at length the Earth will always turn the same face to the Moon, just as the Moon already always turns the same face to the Earth. The day will then be equal to 47 of our present days.

But this gradual lengthening of the day is not uniform; sometimes it is accelerated, sometimes retarded. The cause of these variations is perhaps due to a slight expansion or contraction of the Earth as a whole. An oscillation of the surface by one or two feet above and below its mean value would be sufficient to account for them.

One Second a Year

THE most rapid change in the length of the day occurred between 1863 and 1875, and amounted to one three-hundredth part of a second a day, giving an accumulated error in the course of a year of more than one second.

The best astronomical clocks yet made are almost good enough to check this error. A new form of clock, however, in which the time is registered by the vibrations of a crystal of quartz, is being made for the Greenwich Observatory, and this should be reliable to the one-thousandth part of a second per day. It may prove to be a better time-keeper than the Earth.

The length of the day can change with considerable suddenness. The quickest changes have occurred about 1790, 1896, and 1917. These were only found by astronomical observations. Perhaps the next sudden change will be revealed by our clocks.

At the present time sun-spots and other disturbances on the sun are rapidly becoming more frequent. It has been suggested that the abnormal weather of

the past 18 months may be a result of this.

Last year was the driest year in Hongkong for 40 years.

Though it seems that sun-spots do have some effects on the weather—as indicated, for instance, by the variations in the widths of the annual rings of trees [shown in cross sections

of the trunks] appearing to coincide with the number of sun-spots—those effects are largely concealed by the many other complicated factors that continue to make the weather.

It is not fair to blame sun-spots for our dry weather. But those organisations concerned with wireless communication can justly blame the sun for some of the troubles that they are experiencing.

They may be receiving short wave wireless messages quite normally when, within a few seconds, the messages will fade away entirely.

It has been established recently that these fading syndromes occur exactly with hot eruptions on the sun. Such eruptions usually occur in the neighbourhood of sun-spots and are frequent when the spots are numerous and rare when they are few.

More Sun-Spots

AS sun-spots will become still more numerous for the next two years, it looks as though there is going to be considerable interruption in the reception of beam wireless messages.

Can we also blame sun-spots for the changes in the course of the Gulf Stream and other ocean currents?

These changes are of great importance to the fishing industry. Herring, haddock, plaice, and sole intensely dislike the warm Gulf Stream water,

which swarms with jelly-fish of all kinds.

Guide to Fishermen

WHEN the Gulf Stream is strong, catches of these fish are poor. The most valuable food-fish prefer the cold stream coming from the North, which is rich in the phosphates that provide nourishment for the animals on which the fish feed.

Not enough is yet known about these changes in the Gulf Stream to say whether or not they are due to sun-spots; they are being studied by the development commission on fishery matters.

It would indeed be fortunate if it could be established that sun-spots do influence these changes, because we can predict with fair accuracy how numerous sun-spots are going to be. It would then become possible also to predict the course of the Gulf Stream and to advise fish-

men where they should fish to obtain good catches.

1819 Over Again?

MANY people are anxious to know whether sun-spots will afford any guide to the weather to be expected this year. There is no astronomer or meteorologist who could predict with any confidence what this year's weather will be.

Hongkong's meteorological records do not go further back than the Seventies. But in England, a hundred years ago, the rainfall in the first five months of the year was double the normal, and one of the driest summers on record followed, with a total rainfall from the middle of May to the end of August of less than 1½ in.

Whether this year in Hongkong will follow a similar course it is impossible to say. No precedent has been established.

Why I Prefer The Man of 40

By A Girl of 20

IN this modern world of outspoken youth, what a welcome antidote and how infinitely refreshing socially is the man of 40.

No young man with all his glittering exploits can achieve the indefinable charm which characterises the older man.

The modern youth, for all our admiration of his enterprise and his vitalising ideas in business, is a noisy

creature, who has uncouth manners and drives a small, uncomfortable car much too fast because he thinks it is clever.

He appears often to be horribly misled by the idea of his own importance, he criticises things of which he has had no experience, and sneers at old age as something Victorian which ought to be put out of life decently.

ALL the young men I know have three topics of conversation—Themselves, their Clubs, and their Cars—and one qualification—they can dance.

The youth of to-day thinks it is amusing to be cynical, especially towards women, in whose presence he likes to show off atrociously. He does not realise his own rawness, his lack of subtlety, or the emptiness of his words.

You can see him everywhere, at the hotels, at the Club and at parties, hands in pockets, cigarette in mouth, smiling the smile of complete complacency, because he really believes he is the salt of the earth.

The man of 40 is a very different person. He "has learned to look on nature not as in the hour of thoughtless youth" but with the chastened understanding of experience.

The lesson of his own follies has made him tolerant of other people's weaknesses. He treats women with deference and respect, because he can remember the days when we were really placed on a pedestal. He is courteous and considerate, he knows how to pay compliments.

He is a charming companion because he has long since outgrown talking about himself. He is witty without being vulgar. He can choose a good dinner unostentatiously, and does not bully his inferiors.

He takes an interest in life itself, not merely its pleasures. He is sympathetic, because few men reach the age of 40 without some suffering. Like new wine, youth is harsh and crude to the palate; the older man is mature and mellow. He may have grey hair, be unable to drive a car more than 35 miles an hour, and detest parties, but he is stimulated and safe with him.

H. L.



This drawing shows how the Moon exerts its pull on the tides, which, in turn, by their friction on the ocean beds act as a brake slowing down the Earth's rotation.

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PRINCE ON PLANE

Leaves By Dola For London

Prince Hussain of the Yemen, accompanied by his A.D.C., Alkadi Ali Alhami, left Hongkong by the Imperial Airways plane Dola at 7.30 a.m. yesterday for London.

The third son of the King of Yemen, Arabia, missed his ship in Shanghai, and was flown down to Canton non-stop by a Japanese naval plane. He was brought to Hongkong on Monday by a Japanese mine-sweeper.

The Prince, dressed in full Arab fashion, made a striking figure at the airport. He passed through here in May last year on his way to Japan to open a mosque in Tokyo. Representatives of 44 Mohammedan countries attended the ceremony.

The Delphinus, which took off half an hour earlier, carried four passengers. They were Mr. H. J. Weston, returning to Sydney after visiting his parents here, Mr. Krane and Mr. W. Cresswell for Bangkok, and Mr. Lalngelot for Fort Bayard.

Among the freight on the plane was a case of a dozen hen's eggs for Bangkok.

Air Mail Delayed

The air mail scheduled to arrive this afternoon has been delayed by a hold-up on the European line, and is expected to arrive to-morrow at 5 p.m.

GLIDER ATTEMPT

An attempt to fly non-stop from Perth to Adelaide, 1,450 miles, in a glider, will be made shortly by Philip Willis, the British Empire's leading sailplane pilot. He believes the Nullarob Plains, the wide arid stretch between the two cities, will reflect strong upward currents, enabling him to keep altitude.

AUSTRALIAN RECORD

New records in air transport between Australia and Tasmania were made recently, when Douglas air liners made 16 crossings of Bass Strait in one day, carrying 250 passengers. One plane, the Warana, made the first night crossing, and covered 1,938 miles in the 24 hours.

FLIGHT TO HAWAII

San Diego, Jan. 10. Nineteen amphibian planes hopped off to-day for Guam, the first stage of their flight to Hawaii. The first left at 6.11 a.m. and the last 24 minutes later.—United Press.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures Of Planes

For London, Australia, British Countries and Europe: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. Jan. 13; Imperial Airways 7 a.m. Jan. 17.

For Chungking, Sian, etc.: Eurasia and C.N.A.C. service indefinite.

For U.S.A., via Manila, Honolulu, Guam: China Clipper 8.30 a.m. Jan. 10.

For France via Hanol: Air France, 6.30 a.m. Jan. 14.

From London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. Jan. 12; Imperial Airways 5 p.m. Jan. 14.

From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweilin: C.N.A.C. Eurasia Services indefinite.

From U.S.A., via Honolulu, Guam, Manila: Pan American China Clipper 12.30 p.m. Jan. 18.

From France, via Hanol: Air France 12.30 p.m. Jan. 12.

NEW PLAN IN INDIA

Gandhi Submits Draft Of Constitution

Calcutta, Jan. 10. Political circles in close touch with the Congress Party are inclined to attach very great importance to the draft of the new Indian Federal Constitution just finished by Gandhi.

It is recalled that the Constitution drafted by the British Commission for India could not be enforced because the question of the religious minorities proved insoluble and especially the biggest minority of Indian Mohammedans refused to be subjected to the Hindus.

Gandhi's new draft is said to show the way out of these difficulties. It is expected that the contents of the new Constitution draft will be published to-morrow when the Executive Committee of the Congress Party meets in Bardoli.

PIRATICAL ATTACK

British Warship Answers Tug's Appeal

Shanghai, Jan. 10. Responding to a distress message, H.M.S. Tern lying at Woosung steamed up and raced to help Jardine's tug Hanwo which was attacked by four pirate-manned junks early yesterday afternoon while towing three lighters with exports from the lower Yangtze to Shanghai.

Despite machine gun fire, the Chinese master of the tug kept the wheel while the wireless called for help. Sighting the British gunboat, the junks gave up the chase and eluded capture in the falling darkness.—Reuter.

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EVACUATION PLAN

Britain Divided Into Three Zones

London, Jan. 10. The Ministry of Health to-day issued a list showing the division of England and Wales for purposes of evacuation. The country is divided into three groups, firstly a limited number of large crowded areas from which evacuation takes place, secondly a number of neutral areas which, though not to be evacuated, are not to be used for reception purposes, and thirdly districts not included in the above which will be used for reception.

The evacuation areas include all metropolitan boroughs of most of the leading industrial, shipping or naval centres as well as populous towns and boroughs in Essex and Middlesex. The neutral areas include most of London's northern, southern and western suburbs, Derby, Plymouth, Sunderland, Durham, Southend, Harwich, Helston, Aldershot, Sheerness, Margate, Ramsgate, Grimsby, Norwich, Yarmouth and Swansea.

The counties which are neither evacuation nor neutral areas include Bedford, Berks, Bucks, Cambridgeshire, Dorset, Oxfordshire, East and West Suffolk, the Isle of Wight, and the greater part of Wales.—Reuter Special.

Minister Defend Steps

London, Jan. 10. Sir John Anderson, Minister for Civil Defence, to-day defended the Government's measures and stated that provisions for fire-fighting units to be completed in 1941 had been speeded up and will be completed at the end of the year.

He stated that recruits for civil defence were almost up to requirements and there was only a small gap. He was going on with recruiting in order to have a reserve force. Deep bomb-proof shelters had not been ruled out and the question would be considered.

"We are taking the necessary precautions in view of the risk of war in the near future, but that does not mean we expect a war," he declared.—Reuter Bulletin.

SUCCESSFUL CLAIM

Full Reimbursement by Dry Cleaning Firm

Judgment for plaintiff for the full amount, with costs, was delivered by the Judge, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, at the Supreme Court yesterday, in a claim brought by Jerome Law, of the Commercial Bureau, York Buildings, against the New Method Steam Laundry of 149 Prince Edward Road, for \$60 in respect of loss of five suits of clothing sent to defendant firm to be cleaned and pressed, between August and September last year.

His Lordship said that the fact that defendant had printed his conditions on the back of his receipts would entitle an ordinary, reasonable man to think those were the only conditions, and a person would therefore not expect to find other conditions printed on the other side of the receipt, as in the present case.

His Lordship also advised the defendant to have new receipts issued with the conditions all printed on the back, and with a direction on the face of the receipt to that effect.

The plaintiff's case was that though he was Chinese, he could read little of his own language, having lived for the greater part of his life abroad, and he had accordingly not noticed the most important condition on the receipt, which was printed only in Chinese, on the back and not the back.

Mr. C. D'Almeida appeared on behalf of the plaintiff, while Lee Kien-hung, managing partner of the defendant firm, appeared in person. It will be recalled that at a previous hearing, defendant only admitted liability for the loss of one suit. He also claimed that one of the conditions of his business was that the loss of any suit would only be made good by the payment of ten times the cleaning price, which varied from six cents to 36 cents per article. This condition was printed in Chinese only, on the front of the receipt, and was the one plaintiff claimed he had not noticed. It was the plaintiff's case that, even if he had noticed it, he would not have been able to read it.

BURMESE HIGHWAY

American Ambassador Makes First Trip

London, Jan. 10. The United States Ambassador to China, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, who is returning to America, drove over the new road from Chungking to the Burmese frontier on the way to Europe, says The Times. He was accompanied by the military attaché, Major MacHugh, and a Chinese mechanic.

The party left Chungking on December 12 and arrived in Rangoon on December 29, thus covering 2,100 miles in 13 days without a serious delay and without a puncture. Their car was the first private vehicle to traverse the road.

Interviewed in Rangoon, Mr. Johnson pointed out that the entire road was surveyed and built by native labour without a single piece of road-building equipment.—Reuter.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

Uninhabitation topnot
Uninhabitation forenoon
Uninhabitation dissection
Uninhabitation discever

English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 9.

TRIP FROM CANTON

Journalist's Journey Of Adventures

An adventurous trip from Canton made immediately after the fall of that city, was described to the Hongkong Rotary Club yesterday by Mr. K. Joelson.

The Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan presided, and welcomed the following guests: Rotarians J. C. Hutchison, Pelting; T. C. Yu, Tientsin; J. M. Hansen, Nanjing; G. King, Tsinan; Messrs. F. H. Loopy, E. V. Jensen, C. Lin, Dr. D. J. Valentine, R. G. Brown, J. C. Eager, T. J. Chen, H. G. Williams, R. S. Kerr and C. Y. Wu. New Year greetings were acknowledged from Rotary Clubs at Hornsey, Oldham and Norwich, England, and Omaha, Nebraska.

Mr. Joelson said that after a number of newspapermen had been machine-gunned by both Japanese planes and Chinese guerrillas in trying to get from Canton to Hongkong, he was fortunate in obtaining the services of an ex-officer of the Chinese Army to guide him over the route. To leave Canton, they used a junk service inaugurated by the Japanese between Canton and Fatsan, and were fortunate to avoid searchers, who usually went through these junks, and the numerous Japanese motor-boats which kept watch on the river. From the junk, said Mr. Joelson, he could see the Japanese soldiers taking flour from the Government godowns to sell in the city at two yen per bag—though not for Japanese Army account.

Chinese auxiliary police could be seen along the waterways, but they wore badges and carried no arms. In the afternoon the junk arrived at Fatsan, and he was given a hearty welcome at the British Methodist Mission, where there were two foreigners and a foreign lady who without question to the Chinese who came in from all over the countryside.

The city was garrisoned by some ten thousand Japanese, and the only business done was at a branch market where the loot from Canton was sold.

Robbers En Route

Leaving Fatsan early the next morning, they went only a little way up the river before the sampan man advised them to walk across the country to avoid robbers. During this walk, many groups of peaceful Chinese were encountered, and it appeared that the invaders had made only one raid there when the natives put on some opposition. Policemen appointed by the civilian population were on duty, but further on, armed men in plain clothes who called themselves tax-collectors, demanded a toll of ten cents per head (Canton money) before the travellers could pass. They proved amenable to photography, however, and in conversation, said that they were soldiers deserted by their officers, but were determined to "see the thing through." These guerrillas had no regular contact with the Army.

That night was spent in another city half-way to Sheki, where freedom and lodging was offered by a few elderly Chinese travellers, apparently to deter them from investigations in the city. However, said Mr. Joelson, he did walk through the streets, and found the town practically in the hands of a gang of criminals who had opened gambling schools in every street, and who controlled everything from police to taxation. Boys of ten to twelve years of age were playing stud poker in the middle of the night with a business-like air that would have done credit to Chicago gangsters.

Customs Functioning

The next morning, a member of the "gang" collected the fare from the travellers, but soon after he started, the junk skipper had to pay "wharf tax" to another armed gang, and he was glad to escape alive, and with his vessel intact, from that city. Before reaching Sheki, the travellers found the genuine Chinese Customs men who were still functioning, and they landed here for the last trip overland to Macao.

Mr. Joelson described a hair-raising experience he had that night when a local chief had him arrested, and accused him of being a spy on the basis of a statement made by his companion. It later transpired that this statement had been extracted from the ex-officer under threat, but, said the speaker, it was tough and so, at one time, whether he would be shot or let free.

Eventually they were freed, and decided to waste no time in getting to Macao. Though the vessels were full and motor car hire prices were up to \$60 National currency, they succeeded in hiring bicycles and getting to Macao four hours later without further incident.

Rotarian H. Ching thanked the speaker, who had, he said, lived up to the tradition of correspondents carrying on their work despite danger.

PAKHOI TENSION

Aerodrome Built On Weichow Island

Pakhoi, Jan. 10. The Japanese are building a big aerodrome on Weichow Island, south of Pakhoi. There are about 200 Japanese bluejackets at Weichow, with one aircraft carrier, five warships and over 200 armoured fighting boats concentrated off the island.

Japanese planes raided the adjacent districts last week. On January 2 Japanese planes attacked Pakhoi with machine-guns. Six bombs were dropped, which caused the deaths of many civilians.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

JEWIS IN TRINIDAD

Growing Influx Causes Much Anxiety

London, Jan. 10. The growing influx of Jewish emigrants to Trinidad is causing anxiety to the local authorities as 500 Jews have entered Trinidad during the past six months and more are expected.

A meeting of the Executive Council has been called to discuss the question.—Reuter Bulletin.

CANADIAN PLAN

Mr. F. M. Selchen, Jewish editor of the Daily Israelite Press is to call a meeting of Winnipeg Jews to discuss his proposal for the establishment of a co-operative Jewish farm and colony in western Canada.—United Press.

MISSION TO PRAGUE

Prague, Jan. 10. Sir Herbert Emerson, high commissioner for fugitive questions appointed by the League of Nations, arrived here yesterday in order to discuss with the Czech-Slovak authorities as well as with private organisations the problem of the German emigrants living in Czechoslovakia.

The situation of the fugitives from the former Czech territories now ceded to the neighbouring States is another point Sir Herbert Emerson will investigate.—Trans-Ocean.

JEWISH REFUGEES

Berlin, Jan. 10. Mr. Rublee, director of the Evian Refugee Committee, arrived here this morning accompanied by two members of the Committee.

"We have come to continue the conversations we had with Dr. Schacht in London," he said. "It is hoped that the talks will facilitate Jewish emigration from Germany with the help of the Reich Government."—Reuter.

FRIEND OF CHINA

Admirers of Roosevelt In Chungking

Chungking, Jan. 10. Chinese political circles are paying serious attention to the developments in the American congress, declares the Ta Kung Pao to-day, in view of the fact that two topics at present under discussion in America are re-acted to China—the revision of the Neutrality Act and economic reprisals against Japan.

Public opinion in America has progressed much in favour of China in the past year, officials believe, and Mr. Roosevelt's anti-aggression campaign is gaining power in Congress, although it is yet hard to say to what extent it will be successful or, if authorized by Congress, how the President will use his power.

Mr. Roosevelt's latest anti-aggression utterance has gained him many friends in China, declares the newspaper, and Chinese political circles express extreme admiration for his vision.

Reviewing the latest news from the war fronts, the Ta Kung Pao declares that in the past Japan underestimated China, but now is not under-rating it.

The Shanghai Evening Post to-day carries a large cartoon showing Uncle Sam looking down from the rear of a large ocean liner at a Filipino saying: "I'll paddle round a bit—but don't cast the line off yet."—United Press.

FATAL SHOT WOUNDS

Sir Charles Corkran Dies In England

London, Jan. 10. Major-General Sir Charles Edward Corkran was found to-day fatally shot as the result of an accident.

He was the father of Charles Corkran who was kidnapped in China in 1932 together with Mr. McIntosh and Mrs. Pawley.

Sir Charles has been Sergeant-at-Arms in the House of Lords since 1936 and was 68 years old.

Educated at Eton and Sandhurst, he entered the Army in 1903, becoming Captain in 1909, Major in 1907, Lt. Colonel in 1915, Colonel in 1919 and Major-General in 1921. He served in the Nile Expedition of 1908, the South African War of 1900-1902 and in European War. He has been Commandant of the Royal Military College from 1923 to 1927 and General Officer Commanding London District from 1928 to 1932 when he went on retired pay.—Reuter.

Dream Of Robbery True

Pasadena, Cal. Mrs. George A. Hughes of Oakland, visiting her sister here, dreamed that her Oakland home had been robbed. The dream continued to impress her so much the next day that she telephoned the Oakland police to make an investigation. They did. It had been.

MELBOURNE ON BOOM

MELBOURNE, Australia. Australia's comeback from the depression manifests itself more and more every day. Local building permits for the past year were \$2,100,112, the highest for 10 years past. In one month permits were issued for 441 dwellings, 22 shops, 11 factories, 9 business premises, 2 public school buildings and a theatre.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

In consequence of the greater range and power of modern artillery and musketry fire, a memorandum upon the formation of infantry for the attack has lately been issued by the British War Office. Troops allotted for the attack will, when of sufficient strength, be divided into first, second and third lines. The first line, subdivided into firing line, supports and reserves, engages the enemy, and is intended eventually to establish itself within charging distance of his position. The duties of the firing line are to keep up a well-directed fire upon the enemy from the moment such fire becomes effective; to push forward as near his position as possible; and thence to deliver such a heavy fire as will enable the second line to approach the point selected for attack and drive him from it.

Col. Slade, Vice-President of the Small Arms Committee, says that, for the defence, "If the men be steady fire might well be opened at 2,500 yards."

One of the first persons to profit by the telephone which now connects Paris with Marseilles was the King of Portugal, who, as soon as he landed in France, placed himself in telephonic communication with his wife, who was then making a stay in Paris. Though the line is 600 miles long—by much the longest so far constructed—it works in all respects as satisfactorily as any of the shorter lines already in existence.

Dr. Conn Doyle, whoever he may be, has published an elaborate calculation showing that one out of every 2,900 Scotchmen, one of 31,000 Englishmen, and one of 49,000 Irishmen rises to distinction. Elaborate calculations of this kind are very rarely to be relied on.

TO LET.—At the Peak "La Hacienda," formerly occupied by Sir George Philippos. Apply to H. N. Mody, Victoria Buildings.

25 YEARS AGO

The greatest sale of property ever effected has been announced in London. Mr. William Deasy, Unionist M.P. for the Harrow Division of Middlesex, has purchased the whole of the Duke of Bedford's Covent Garden estate, which includes Drury Lane Theatre, the Royal Opera House, the Waldorf Hotel, the Aldwych Theatre, the Strand Theatre, Bow-street Police Court, several Printing Offices, Covent Garden Market.

Hobble skirts and high heels continue to be responsible for an increasingly large number of injuries sustained by women while getting on and off trains and mounting and descending stairways in stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd., was held at the Hotel at 11 a.m. to-day for the purpose of taking a poll on a following resolution which was submitted to a meeting of shareholders held on October 25, 1913, and then declared lost.

Mr. J. Scott Harston presided, and there were also present—Dr. J. W. Noble, Mr. J. W. C. Bennett, Mr. F. Maitland (directors), Messrs. J. Walker, E. J. Griest, M. D. Silva, F. E. Ellis, Mr. Mannik, C. S. Ellis, U. Golluzzi, E. Goets, G. T. Lloyd, F. McGuinis, She Po-shan, J. Gook Lai Chan, shareholders, and J. H. Taggart, acting secretary.

MARKET PRICES

	Cts.
Beef Sirloin & Prime Cut	18
" Corned	18
" Brest	12
" Soup	15
" Steak	18
" Sausages	20

10 YEARS AGO

America's first international air line, linking five countries, including British West Indies, with the United States, was inaugurated with the departure of four multi-passenger aeroplanes for Cuba, Haiti, San Domingo, the Bahamas and Porto Rico.

The following will represent the Royal C.C. in a first division match against the Navy on the Navy ground on Saturday: F. Goodwin (Capt.), V. Brace, R. H. Ross, A. W. Ramsey, S. Jox, E. C. Fletcher, E. F. Fincher, R. E. H. Oliver, E. Lawrence, J. J. Hirst and G. A. V. Hall.

The Kowloon C.C. second team to play the Police in a League match on Saturday at 2 p.m. on the K.C.C. ground will be as follows: R. E. Lindsell (Capt.), H. Overy, B. Petheram, G. Lee, N. H. A. Mackay, A. R. F. Raven, F. S. W. Smith, O. B. Haver and W. H. Gittins. Reserve, A. E. Silkkstone.

5 YEARS AGO

Nazi headquarters have thought it desirable to issue a statement concerning the execution of Van der Lubbe, convicted by the Leipzig Supreme Court for setting fire to the Reichstag building.

Apparently the use of the guillotine has caused some criticism on the score that he died a more pleasant death than circumstances warranted.

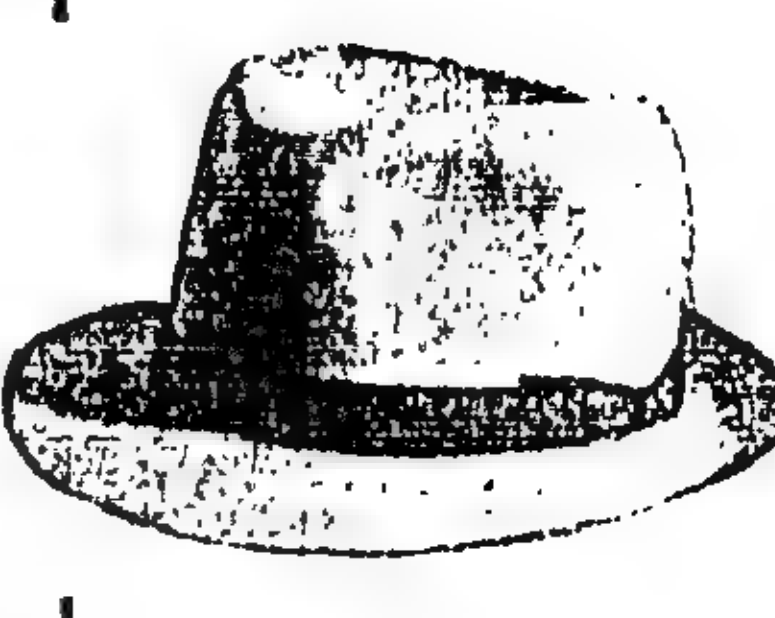
Van der Lubbe's despatch should not be interpreted as a milder form of execution than hanging, states the official decision ordering him to be guillotined instead of hanged was based upon the consideration that hanging is an ignominious penalty reserved for traitors and such like, and Van der Lubbe committed his crime out of political conviction.

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How Eric Boon Knocked Out D. Crowley: Unexpected End Eleventh Round Punch Swings The Balance

By Harold Lewis

London, Dec. 16.

Hundreds of people rushed the ring at Harringay last night, and at least 50 succeeded in fighting their way over Press tables and through the ropes when Eric Boon, 18-year-old blacksmith of Chatteris, Cambridgeshire, won the British lightweight championship by knocking out Dave Crowley, of Clerkenwell, in the 11th round.

Supporters of Boon had come from all parts of the Fen country, and the thrilling climax caused one of the most fervid scenes of excitement and delirious joy seen at a fight for years.

Boon's triumph was both brilliant and, until late in the 11th round, entirely unexpected. He was being steadily and confidently outpointed by his experienced and crafty opponent until a single punch in the 11th round caused a violent swing in the fight.

That punch was a tremendously powerful right hook to the stomach, planted as Boon slipped a left lead and came back with the full force of the shoulder turned into the blow. Crowley, who had been boxing with a speed and mastery which suggested that he could have gone on for twenty-five rounds if not for the blow, was badly hurt. Crowley rose after seven seconds, and Boon had the good sense and coolness to fight relentlessly to repeat that punch. He succeeded in landing several more heavy body punches before the round was over.

CROWLEY DEFENDS COOLLY

Crowley, however, defended coolly. His weak spot had been exposed—the only time he had ever been knocked out in nine years of boxing was in exactly the same way—but he masked his trouble, and in the twelfth round, when Boon's inexperience led him into some wild swinging for the head, Crowley gradually settled down and started to steal punches again.

For Boon, with only three rounds to go, this was a moment for desperate action. In the 13th round he again whipped in some heavy body punches, and then, with Crowley keeping his guard down, Boon slashed him with right and left to the jaw.

It took Crowley eight seconds to get up, and then, after a few more punches, as Crowley was falling into the ropes, Boon turned swiftly and chopped him to the jaw with a clean and crisp right-hand punch as one would ever wish to see.

That punch finished the fight. It was delivered at great speed on a difficult target—the sort of punch which Carpentier made famous when he knocked out George Cook.

LIMBS PARALYSED

Crowley recovered consciousness well within the 10 seconds. But his limbs were paralysed. He was unable to move and had to be carried to his corner.

Then the pandemonium started. Apparently Boon had several thousand friends in the hall, and they all wanted badly to shake him by the hand.

One must give Boon every credit for this victory, belated though the real turning point was. Within a minute of the start of the fight, as the two men rushed at each other, Crowley's head came into collision with Boon's face, and a swelling appeared at once, high up on the cheek-bone, below the left eye.

It was a pure accident, of course, but a most unlucky one for Boon. It meant that he had to defend that swelling, have it pinched and massaged during the intervals, and that

his vision must become more and more hazy.

CROWLEY FORGES AHEAD

Still, I thought Boon won the first two rounds, just lost the third, shared the next two. After that Crowley began to forge ahead.

Crowley, having started by boxing in the most compact style, with guard held very close, ducking, weaving and forcing a battle at close quarters, gradually opened out. He took no risk whatever, but evidently planned to win by steadily outpointing his opponent.

There was little power in his blows, but he kept darting in with a left to the face, sometimes landing this blow four or five times in succession without reply. Occasionally Boon was able to land a solid punch. He was also made to miss badly, as his rather frantic swings passed over the head of Crowley by six or nine inches.

In the fifth, Boon caught Crowley with a heavy punch, a fraction too high on the jaw. People cheered; Crowley grinned perkily. It was perilously close to a knockout punch.

KNOCK-OUT ONLY HOPE

But that incessant peppering from Crowley's left increased in the same proportion as did Boon's badly timed swings, and it became obvious that nothing short of a knock-out would be of any use to Boon.

Something happened in the ninth round which should have warned Crowley. Boon was learning during the fight, trying every sort of punch he knew to penetrate the close guard of the champion.

In this round, picking the right moment as Crowley dashed in, Boon tried a counter to the body. He achieved this most difficult but damaging punch admirably, and one could see that he thereupon began to concentrate upon it.

In the 11th round, as Crowley pounded upon him again, he put everything he had into the counter, it won him the fight.

BOON'S PUNCH POWER

Boon will be 19 on Dec. 30. He is very young to achieve such eminence in boxing, but for six months he has been an outstanding lightweight. Strongly built, he boxes well, is very fast and hits with as much force as most men a stone heavier.

It has been a short championship reign for Crowley, and this little sportsman deserves some sympathy amid the admiration for his conqueror. Crowley took nine years to achieve his ambition, held the title for less than six months, accepted the first challenger and lost the title to him. A very quick little boxer, Crowley has never had a damaging punch.

Mr. C. B. Thomas, of Wales, was the referee, and the weights were: Crowley, 12½ lb; Boon, 12½ lb. Johnny McGrory, the former feather-weight champion, was beaten on points over eight rounds in a return fight with Jack Carrick of Hull. McGrory boxed below his usual form and, I thought, without confidence.

He seemed rather depressed by the tactics of Carrick, who rushed at him with the wildest of swings throughout the first two rounds, landing scarcely a blow, McGrory as he



Eric Boon Arthur Danahar
A fight between them is inevitable.

Here And There With "Abe" Two Young Boxers To Be Brought Together Soon

WITH such a shortage of really promising material in the British boxing world, it was inevitable that two such promising youngsters and sure-drawings cards as Eric Boon and Arthur Danahar would be brought together sooner or later. There are those who feel that for the sake of British boxing, they should be kept away from each other for at least another year. But since Eric Boon knocked out Dave Crowley to win the British lightweight championship, the clamour for a meeting of the two youngsters has become even louder, and it is probably to satisfy public demand that the two have been matched. They will meet at Harringay on February 23 and Boon's title will be at stake. Len Harvey, the British heavyweight champion, and one of the most astute figures in the British ring, recently declared: "If I were managing either boy, I should steer him clear of the other for another year at any rate. If these two boys were to meet tomorrow, there would be a firework display and no mistake. But the loser would probably be lost to the game and the winner would have all the fight knocked out of him. We are too short of material to sacrifice it in this manner, and I suggest they go their own way for a bit." Notwithstanding this advice, the two youngsters have been matched—for better or worse only the future will reveal.

"I would fight him in his back garden providing it was at 9st 9lb." B.B.B.C. announced. "Boon and Danahar are licensed boxers and can only fight on premises licensed for boxing. The promoter, too, has a licence which allocates the premises on which he may arrange fights. If Mr. Hulls wants to promote a fight elsewhere he will have to apply to the board for special permission."

Most boxing enthusiasts were against the two lads meeting in private, holding that the public, which had followed the careers of both the boxers, should not be barred from seeing the fight.

Eric Boon's Career

KNOWN as "Sonny" to his friends and to the 5,000 inhabitants of his native Cambridgeshire village of Chatteris, blue-eyed, ruddy complexioned Boon has been fighting for six years. At the age of 12 he was beating boys much older than himself. Before he was 16, he had fought 40 times and won mostly on knock-outs. Until last year he continued working in his father's forge, whence he reckons he got his powerful punch. The crowning achievement of his career, of course, was his victory over Dave Crowley last month in a lightweight championship bout. He was being led on points when his powerful punch came out once again and knocked out Crowley.

Danahar's Career

A dark-haired, grim-looking cockney from East London's Bethnal Green attracted the eye early last year of John Harding, National Sporting Club secretary. Son of a professional fish-slinger of early post-war years, Arthur Danahar had a normal urchin's elementary school upbringing. When he was 17 he started as a lightweight under the amateur code. Young Danahar quickly won the Amateur Lightweight title of Great Britain, and last February was taken up by the N.S.C. Father Danahar applied to the British Boxing Board of Control for a second licence, but the Board was slow in replying, and he watched his son's first few money-making efforts from a seat in the Press row at Eris Court Stadium. Arthur's first big professional performance was to stop Boyo Rees in March. Since then he has gone on undefeated. Last November he lost only one round to best tough Welshman Douglas Kestrell, unstopped in 300 fights. Apart from the fact that he has an attribute rare in Englishmen to-day—a wallop—Arthur

Attempt Failed

IN November, Mr. Sydney Hulls caused a sensation when he announced that he was signing them up on behalf of a wealthy patron to fight at a private party he was giving. The purse money was declared to be £1,250, to be shared equally between the contestants. When Boon was informed of the arrangement by his manager, Jack Solomons, he said:

used to box—as he did when he last met Carrick—would have given him a smart lesson in the penalties for wild swinging.

But in the third round one of these swings found its mark. McGrory took three counts in this round, and although he avoided the worst of the trouble afterwards, he never looked like winning.

OTHER RESULTS

FEATHER (8 rounds): Len Beynon (Swansea) and Billy Walker (Stratford) boxed draw.
WELTER (8 rounds): Norman Snow (Northampton) outpointed Harry Craster (Middlesbrough).

TWO PROMISING YOUNGSTERS

FAIRER CONDITIONS FOR RYDER CUP GOLF NOW ARRANGED

Germany Files Entry For Davis Cup

Berlin, Jan. 10.
Germany has filed her entry for the Davis Cup Competition in 1939, according to a statement issued here to-day.
The German Davis Cup team will this time consist of Henner Henkel, captain, the South German Roderich Menzel (who played for Czechoslovakia in former years), George von Metaxa, and Hans Redl.
The Berlin player, Rolf Goepfert, will act as emergency man.—Trans-Ocean.

Hockey

'VARSITY BEATEN IN TOURNEY

An interesting encounter was witnessed on Monday when the R.A.O.C. met the University on the latter's ground in the Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament, and after a hard match the Ordinance managed to take both points when L/Sgt. Lang netted the only goal of the match late in the second half.

The Ordinance were well served by Cpt. Tracey at inside left, Sgt. Evans and Sgt. Drake at half back, and Pte. Locke was the best back on view.

The first half was very even but the Ordinance assumed superiority in the second stanza and the University keeper was very busy. The Ordinance were unlucky not to take the lead when a fine shot by Cpt. Tracey went only inches wide of the post with the keeper well beaten.

A few minutes later the Ordinance went ahead when Sgt. Lang, receiving a pass from Cpt. Tracey, scored with a well-placed shot.

The University rallied and attacked hotly but the Ordinance defence held out.

Badminton

K. Tong "B" Defeat S. And S. Home

Kowloon Tong "B" played the Sailors and Soldiers' Home last evening in the "B" Division of the Badminton League, and won by 7-2.

J. A. V. de Soares and J. Tsang (K. Tong) beat Walker and Thorn 21-7; beat Cusack and Nicholson 21-10; beat Griffiths and Manuel 21-21; A. Chan and T. Tung (K. Tong) lost to Walker and Thorn 12-21; beat Cusack and Nicholson 21-13; lost to Griffiths and Manuel 10-21.

N.A.E. Mackay and J. L. Anderson (K. Tong) beat Walker and Thorn 21-7; beat Cusack and Nicholson 21-12; beat Griffiths and Manuel 21-10.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

The following is the programme to-day in the "B" Division:
Chung Wah v. St. Andrew's "A"
Recreo v. St. John's
K. Tong "A" v. St. Andrew's "B"
Wanderers v. V.R.C.

South Africa Has Made A New Hutton

Durban, Dec. 20.
Is South Africa going to make a new player of Len Hutton? asks William Pollock.

I had not seen him since I spent thirteen long weary hours while he laboriously built up his record in the Oval in August, but we saw a different Hutton here to-day.

He had the luck to be missed at the wicket early and has been hit, but he has been good and hard, frequently putting his ears back to get punch into open-shouldered shots.

I have always known Hutton has the strokes and wished he would use them more freely. He showed an air of being very much master of all the quite steady bowling he surveyed, and no one had the right to dispute him.

Well, the Tests are mercifully only four days here, so Hutton apparently

London, Dec. 10.

Here is great golf news. An agreement has been reached between our Professional Golfers' Association and their opposite number in America that in future the Ryder Cup tournament, staged every two years, shall be played in time and place to the choice of the visiting team, so far as this can be arranged.

As a start, when our men go across in 1939 to play in the United States, they will probably play in October or November, in either Florida or California.

This will be greeted with cheers from former players, for some British Ryder Cup men can recall having to play this match in mid-summer south of the Mason-Dixon line, when Negroes were dying of the heat, spectators at the match the heat, and our men played against medical advice and under the watchful eye of doctors. That, obviously, was not golf.

A REAL TEST

Similarly, the Americans have complained over here that they have been forced to play in a gale and blinding rain, to which they are not accustomed. Each side undoubtedly had a grievance, and the desire to make this great annual match a real test of golf is all to the good.

Next year's arrangement means a good deal more to our men. It means that they will have the chance after the Ryder Cup match of playing on the winning team of tournaments, which offers about £10,000 in prize money.

So now, please, no more grouching from beaten players; and no more irritating slanging matches by teams on their return home. The last packet was getting serious.

TWO GAMES PLAYED IN F.A. CUP

London, Jan. 10.

Two of the postponed matches in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup were decided to-day, the results being as follows:
Southport 1 Doncaster 0
Grimsby 0 Tranmere 0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST DIVISION)

Clyde 3 St. Johnstone 1
—Reuter.

feels the time has now come for him to step on the gas a bit.

He went twice as quickly as Edrich at the beginning of the innings at tea time, giving the bat plenty of back lift and not checking the follow-through in his drives. Perhaps he feels now established in top-class cricket and sure of himself.

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BRITISH TRADE IN THE FAR EAST

LONDON.

MEMBERS of Parliament are still devoting a great deal of attention to British Trade in the Far East and there were numerous questions relating to various aspects of British commercial interests in China asked in the House of Commons on December 21.

Mr. Price asked the Prime Minister whether in view of Japanese discrimination against British and United States trade in China, he will consult with the United States about retaliatory measures against Japanese trade which may be jointly undertaken by the two Governments?

Mr. Butler: I would refer the hon. Member to the reply given by the Prime Minister on 14th November to the hon. Member for Kingswinford (Mr. A. Henderson) that His Majesty's Government are prepared at all times to maintain close touch with the United States Government in matters of common concern to both countries.

Mr. Price: Is the hon. Gentleman aware that there is a strong feeling in the United States at present against discrimination by Japan against American trade in China, and is not this particularly a time when close relations should be maintained with the United States on this matter?

Mr. Butler: I believe what the hon. Member says to be true.

Mr. A. Henderson: Are the Government maintaining close relations with the United States?

Mr. Butler: The hon. Member will recall that in a previous answer, I indicated that that was the case. Mr. Crossley asked the Prime Minister what has been the result of his inquiries into the case in which Japanese soldiers entered the Company at Canton, and seized motor cars and accessories on the premises in spite of the British consular seals having been placed on the buildings?

Mr. Butler: I expect my hon. Friend is referring to Messrs. Wallace Harper and Company, Limited. Although this company is registered as British, a substantial block of shares is at present in foreign non-Chinese hands. My Noble Friend has called for details additional to those already received with a view to deciding whether any further action is called for beyond the representations already made by His Majesty's Consul-General at Canton.

Mr. Moreland asked the Prime Minister whether British engineers are yet permitted to inspect the Shanghai-Nanking Railway; in what currency the revenue is being collected on the Shanghai-Nanking, the Shanghai-Hangchow, and the Peiping-Mukden railways; and what provision has been made to secure payment of interest to the British bondholders in these railways?

Mr. Butler: As I informed my hon. Friend on 21st November, the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs indicated last September that inspection of the Shanghai-Nanking line could not be allowed for military reasons. In a note dated 8th December addressed to His Majesty's Ambassador at Tokyo it was stated that no change whatever had occurred in the last three months which would render a survey possible. On the Shanghai-Nanking and Shanghai-Hangchow railways

Britain Has 150,000 "Conchies"

Since Canon Dick Sheppard died in October, 1937, the membership of his Peace Pledge Union has grown to 150,000.

Nearly 1,000 people, including many ex-Army officers, joined during October of this year.

"Membership is increasing steadily at a rate of between 800 and 900 a month," an official of the Union said. "Some, on taking the pledge, have resigned from their A.R.P. work and from civil employment which entails preparation for war. Some feel they are being true to their pledge to renounce war and work for peace, while still helping in air raid precautions."

"Some of our members are going out to the refugee camps in Czechoslovakia."

The revenues are collected in Japanese yen and Japanese military yen notes. On the Peiping-Mukden Railway Federal Reserve Bank currency is in general use, except on the Manchurian section, where the Manchurian currency is used.

Interest on the Peiping-Mukden Railway Loan has been paid up to date. My Noble Friend is in communication with His Majesty's Ambassador at Tokyo on the subject of the other obligations secured on these railways.

Mr. Moreland: Will the hon. Gentleman reply to the first part of the question? Are His Majesty's Government really satisfied with these continual excesses put forward by the Japanese authorities in connection with the inspection of the Shanghai and Nanking Railway? It is some months since I first raised the question, and I feel that some protest ought to be made.

Mr. Butler: I appreciate the anxiety of the hon. Member, which is shared by His Majesty's Government. The Japanese Government have declared that the same military reasons which made inspection difficult before make it equally difficult now.

Mr. Mander: Will the hon. Gentleman bear in mind that all of us on these benches have just the same feeling of anxiety?

Mr. Creuder asked the Prime Minister whether his attention has been drawn to the delays to British shipping at Chefoo occasioned by the granting of the monopoly of lighter transport by the Japanese authorities; and what action he is taking in the matter?

Mr. Butler: My Noble Friend has no recent official reports on the subject. Representations have been made to the Japanese Government on the general question of discrimination against British shipping in North China ports, including Chefoo.



These members of about 30 old-age pensioners go into a huddle before their march in London from St. Paul's Cathedral to the House of Commons. They demanded an increase in their present old-age pension of at least one pound a week. Rising cost in London of rent, clothing and food was given as the reason.

German's New Public Hate No. 1

HERR HIMMLER, head of the Nazi secret police, is now spoken of in Germany as Public Hatred No. 1. Within the last few weeks he has eclipsed Dr. Goebbels, Minister of Propaganda, in unpopularity.

Many Germans, in letters recently to friends in England, have expressed much franker views on the present Nazi regime than they did a year ago.

Himmler is generally hated because of his ruthless cruelty, especially to the Jews. Dr. Goebbels is treated with derision.

There is now no doubt in the minds of all Germans that Hitler signed the order for the Jewish pogrom, although for a time it was believed that the Nazi leaders had acted without Hitler's authority.

ABUSE FOR U.S.
Although one important German newspaper continues to accuse the British "war inciters" with upstalling Mr. Chamberlain's peace policy, the German newspapers generally attack America for having "torpedoed" the Christmas peace. President Roosevelt, Mr. Jackson, Senator Pittman, Mayor La Guardia

"And So This Is England"

SOUTHAMPTON.

Four veteran soldiers—all bachelors—arrived here recently from India, after serving abroad for 19 years. Their first glimpse of England was Southampton's snow-covered docks.

They came home with the 1st Battalion the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, in the troopship *Neuralia*.

The four bachelors found life so pleasant in India that they refused to take the home leave which came along during their service. They are Sergeant H. Tomkins, Lance-Sergeant F. Bryant, Private J. Bailey and Lance-Corporal G. Turner.

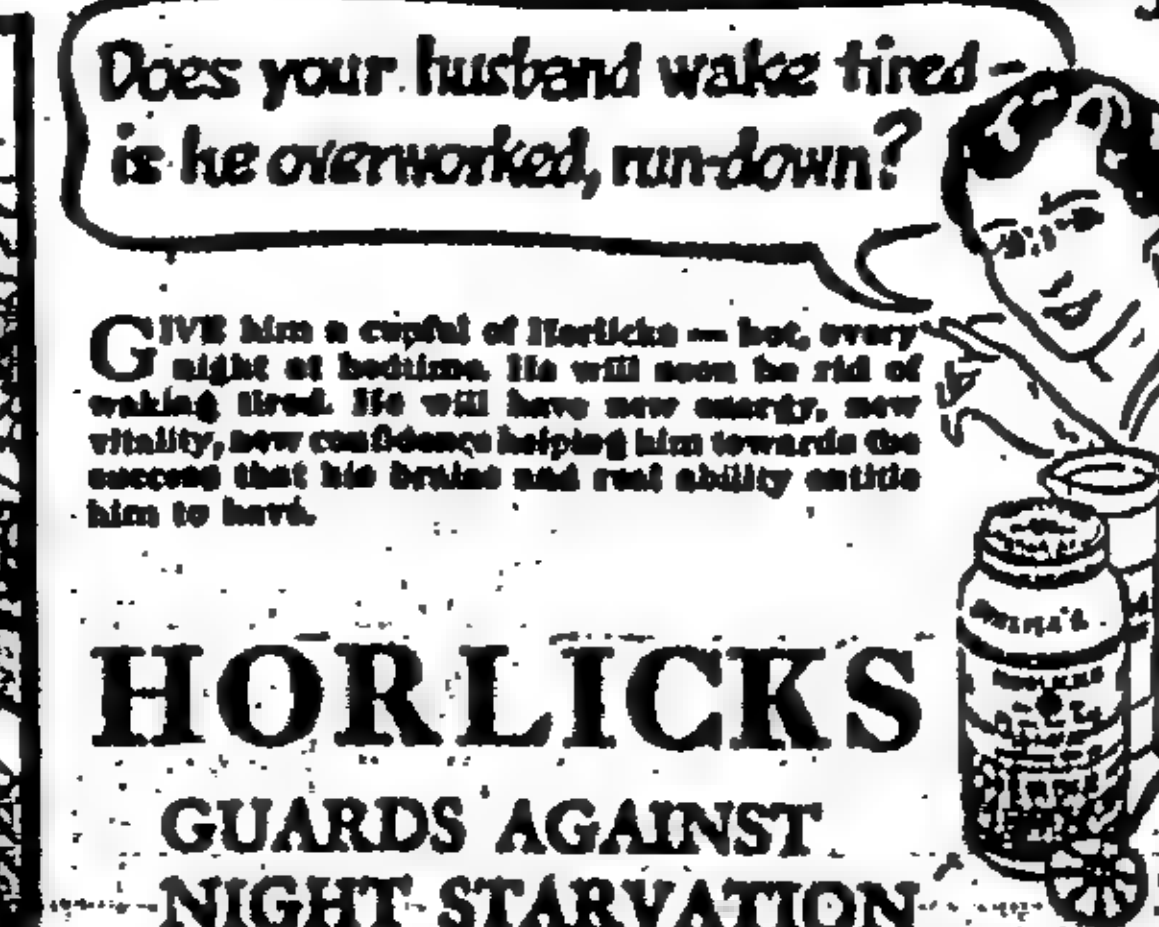
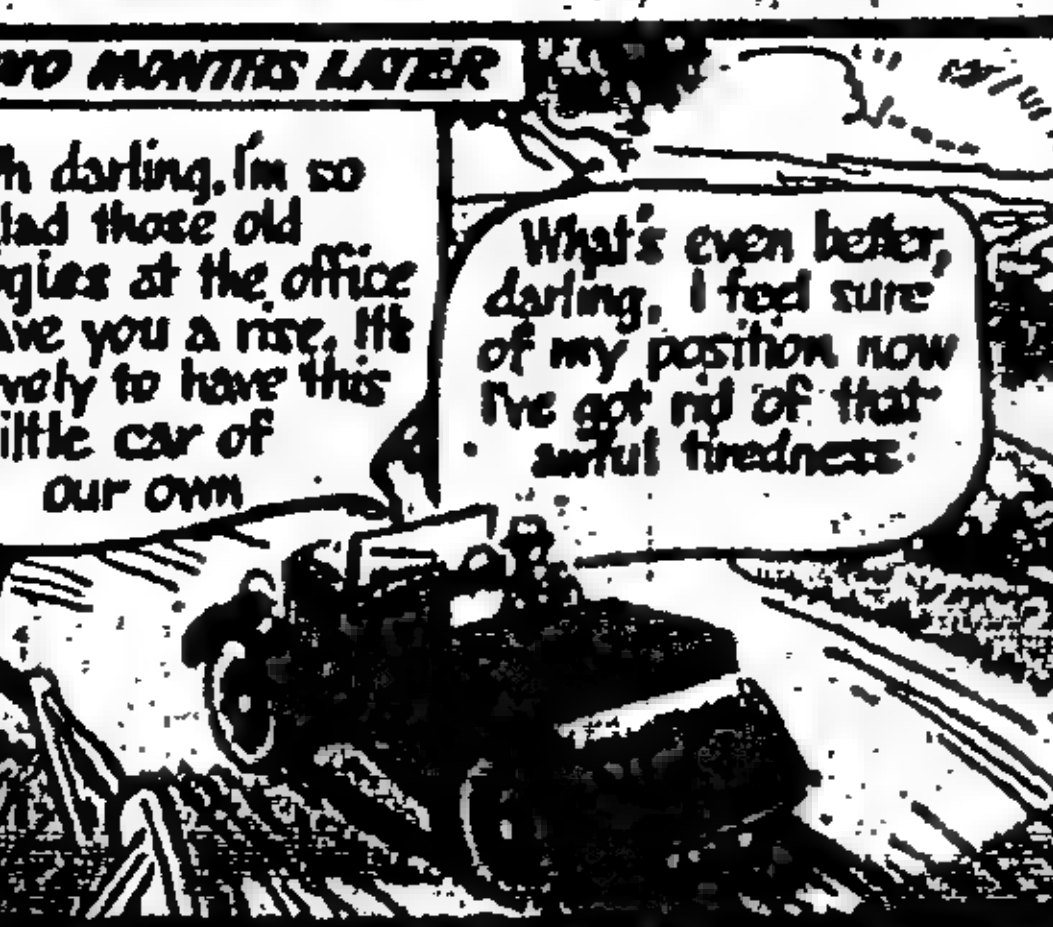
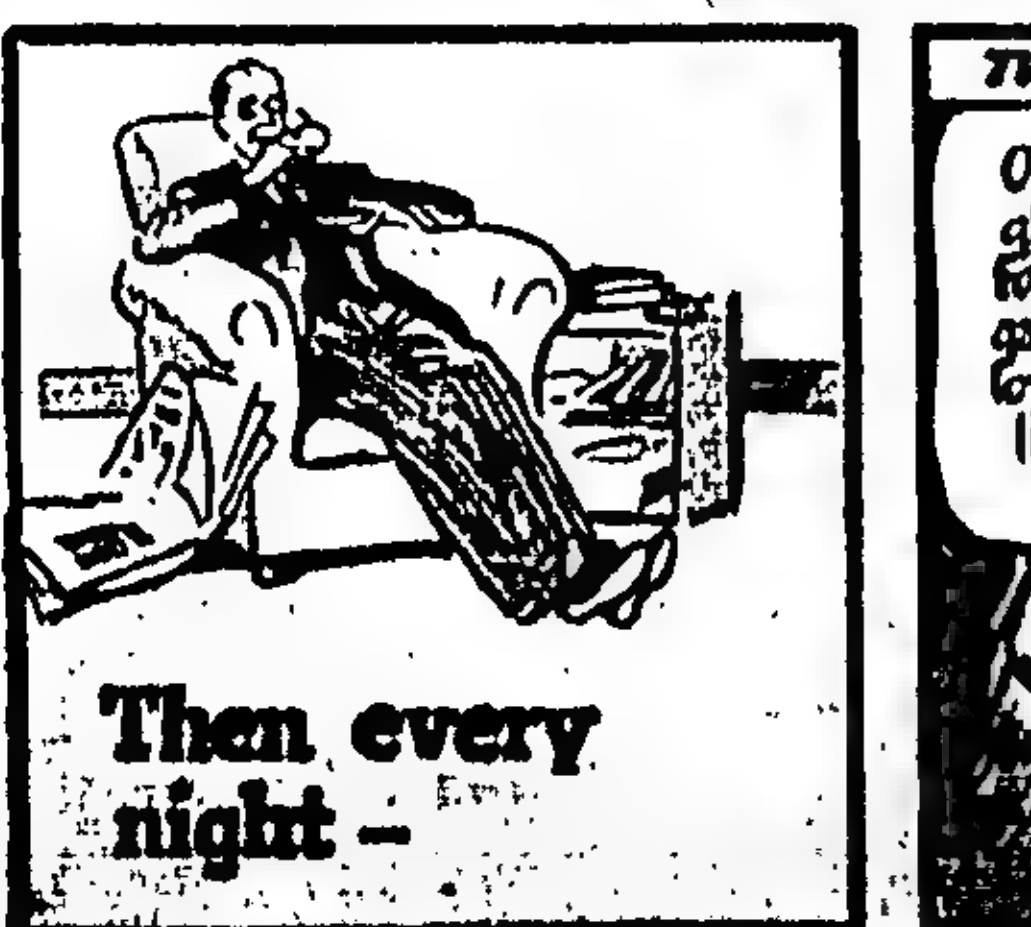
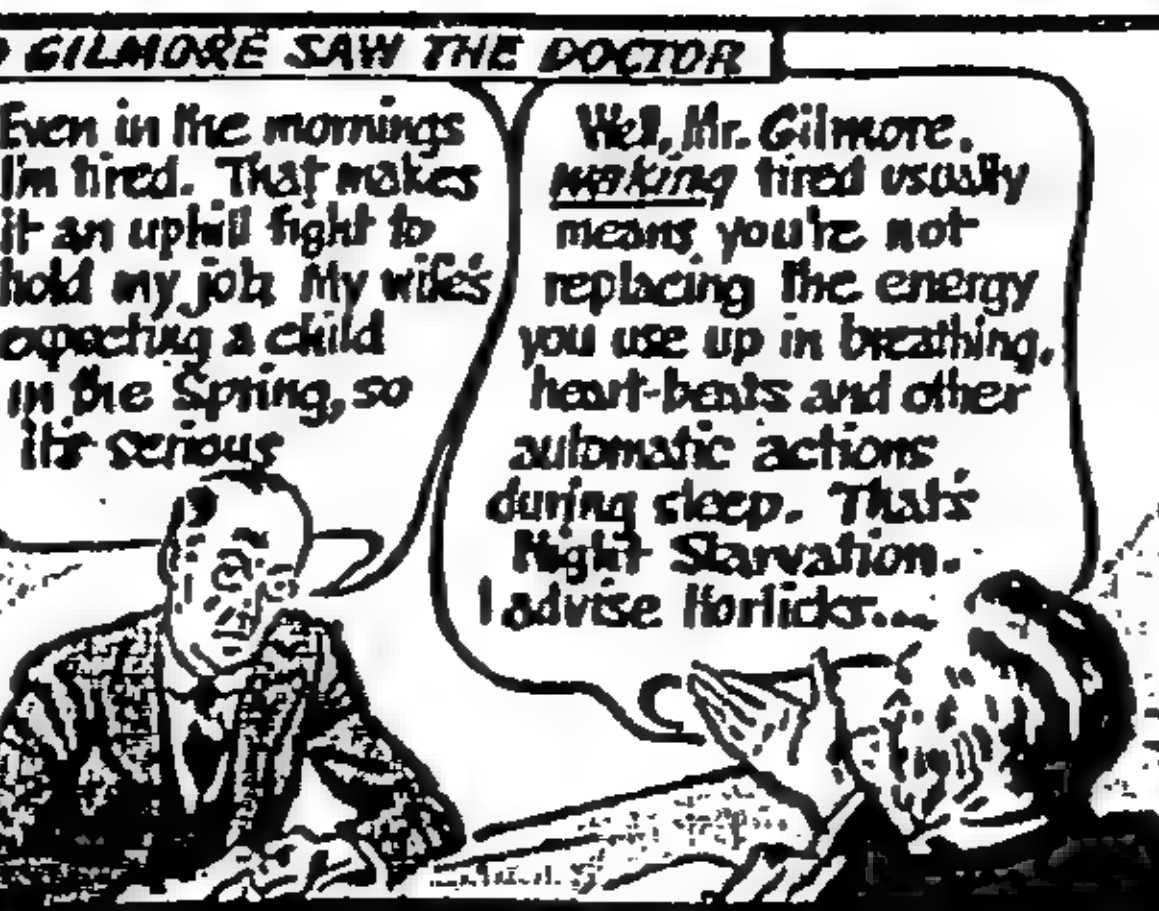
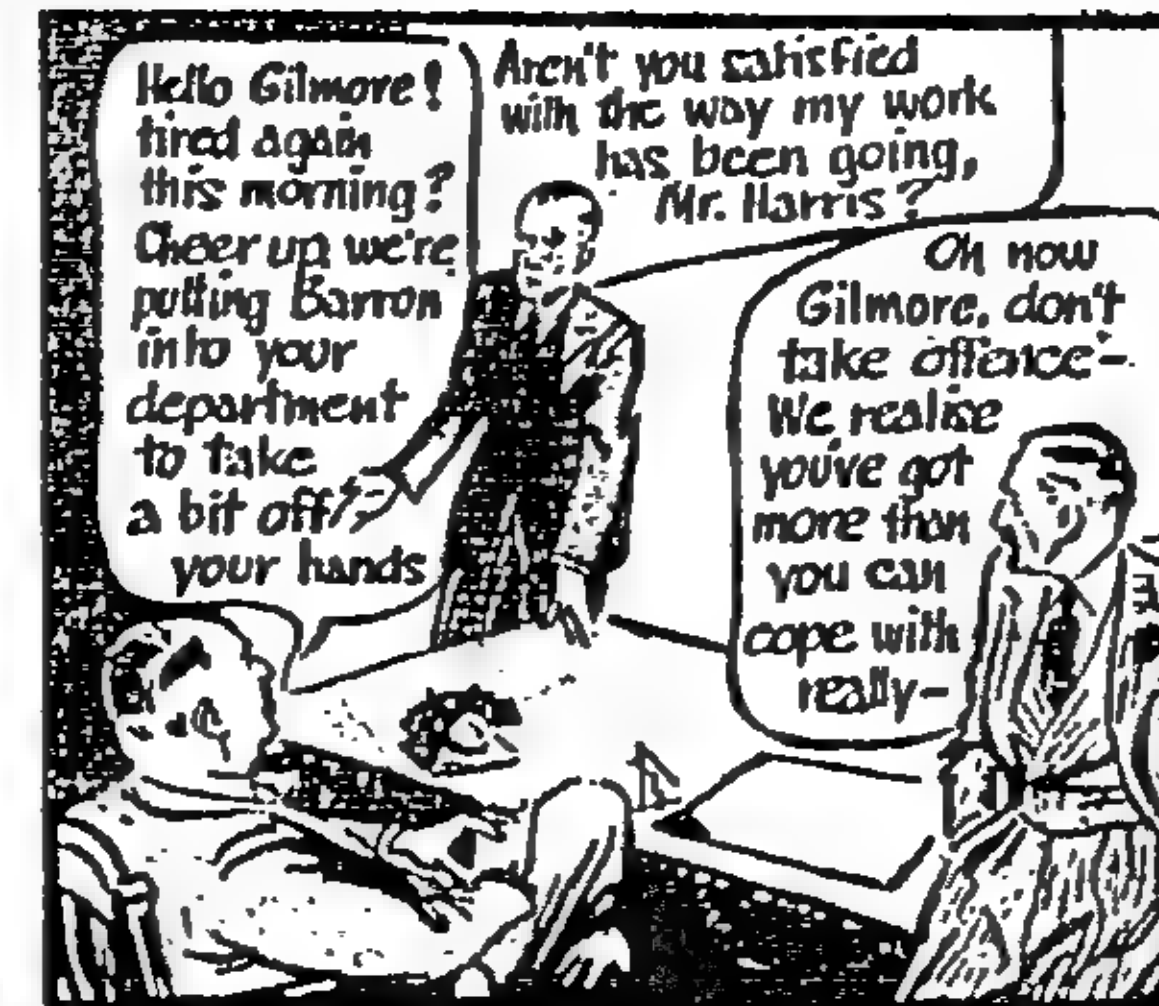
Mightiest man in the battalion is Sergeant Tomkins, who weighs 17 stone and won fame in India as a big game hunter.

But what a contrast is England from India say the four.

and other American personalities have replaced Mr. Eden, Mr. Duff Cooper and Mr. Winston Churchill as the chief targets of the attacks.

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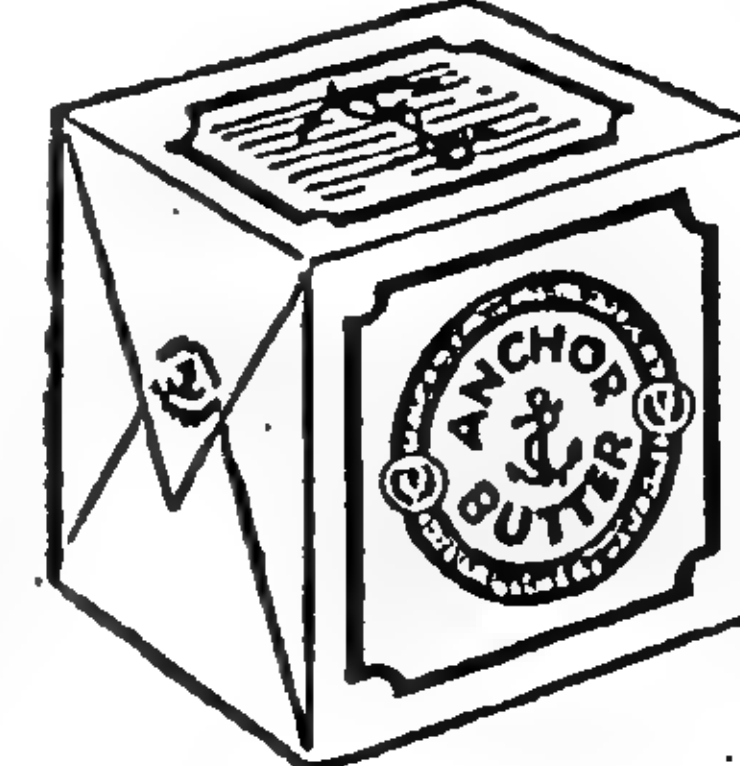
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INTRICATE BUT UNPROGRESSIVE SOCCER

Scots Did More With One Kick Than Hungary With Five

Says Charles Buchan

Scotland 3 Hungary 1

Despite the loss of Black, their inside-left, Scotland had little difficulty in disposing of the challenge of Hungary. In fact, it would probably have been a better game if Scotland had started with ten men.

When Black left the field Scotland held a winning lead of three goals. The Hungarians, against the depleted opposition, never suggested to me or to many of the 23,000 spectators that they would pull the game out of the fire.

They gave what I call a "pretty" exhibition. Though the muddy ground, little short of a quagmire, did not suit their style, they passed accurately, took up good position and occasionally combined cleverly. But there their virtues ended.

When they approached the Scottish goal the forwards wanted the ball exactly right at their feet before they attempted to shoot. They made chances only to squander them because they could not hit a moving

ball. Before they brought it under control the Scottish defenders smothered their efforts.

NOT SCOTLAND'S BEST

It was the same in midfield. The Hungarians used the ball discreetly, but they took too long about it. By the time they had finished a movement, quite pleasing to watch, the Scottish defenders were at their post ready for the final onslaught.

The Hungarians played what I call mechanical football. I could usually tell where they would place the ball long before the pass was made.

On one occasion the ball went from the right to the left of the field, all five forwards touching it, but not a yard of ground had been made. Another time Titkos and Cseh interchanged passes five times, yet they finished in the same place! The Scots were more effective with one kick than the Hungarians were with five. And Scotland were not a good side. The selectors will have to put on their thinking caps before they select the team to meet England at Hampden Park next April.

I doubt whether six of the players will retain their positions. There was little wrong with the defence, though I have seen Beattie, the Preston back, more assertive.

McSPADYEN A SUCCESS

Shankly took the honours in a moderate Scottish half-back line. He infused a lot of energy into his play and used the ball discreetly. Symon was terribly slow, and Baxter rather easily beaten by the clever moves of

Doctor Sarosi, the Hungarian centre-forward, who usually took the ball and broke out into the flanks before delivering a through pass to Cseh. He succeeded with the move several times, but Cseh had not a shot, never mind a goal, in his locker.

In attack McSpadyen, the substitute for Delaney, carried off the honours. He was fast, bent his man with consummate ease, and placed his centres well—an international for some time to come unless I am greatly mistaken. McCulloch had few chances until the closing minutes. Then he rather marred his chances of further honours by shooting wide twice when he had all the time in the world to place the ball in the net.

THREE "GIFT" GOALS

It was unlucky for the Hungarian rear-guard that they practically gave away the three goals—the first from a penalty and the others came through goalkeeping errors—for defence was the best part of the team. Scabo partially atoned with many brilliant saves, while the sturdy, impetuous Biro had no superior.

After Walker had failed with a simple chance, Scotland took the lead in the eighteenth minute by means of a penalty. Black was going through when he was brought down unceremoniously and Walker scored from the penalty spot.

BLACK'S INJURY

Then in the space of two minutes came two further blows for the Hungarians. First, Szabo sent a weak clearance to Black, who from 20 yards put the ball safely into the net before the goalkeeper had got back. Secondly, both Koranyi and Szabo chased a long pass from Symon, only to see the ball strike the full-back and fall at Gillick's feet. The outside-left took the proffered gift.

Though the Hungarians often looked dangerous in the second half, they could only score from a penalty. Beattie was adjudged to have handled a centre from Titkos, and Sarosi beat Dawson from the spot.

Scotland: Dawson (Rangers); Anderson (Hearts); Beattie (Preston); Shankly (Rangers); Baxter (Middlebrooke); Symon (Hearts); McCulloch (Derby); Black (Hearts); Gillick (Everton). Hungary: Szabo; Koranyi; Biro; Polgar; Titkos; Cseh; Sarosi; Toldi; Gyeyay.



Freddie Bartholomew and Gale Sondergaard in "Lord Jeff"

LEADING SOCCER SCORERS

LAWTON STILL IN FRONT

Lawton, of Everton, still leads the goal scorers in the Football League with 18 successful shots. Next are Fenton (Middlebrooke) and Clarke (Blackburn) with 17 each.

Division I	
Lawton (Everton)	18
Fenton (Middlebrooke)	17
Hodgson (Leeds)	13
Hewes (Grimsby)	13
McDonnell (Aston V.)	11
McCulloch (Derby)	11
Dix (Derby)	10
Mills (Chelsea)	10
Tadman (Charlton)	10
Hunt (Bolton)	9
Nieuwenhuys (Liverpool)	9
Westcott (Wolves)	9
5 for Manchester City, 17 for Blackburn.	

Division II	
Clarke (Blackburn)	17
Cairns (Newcastle)	16
Hunt (Sheffield)	16
Jones (W. Bromwich)	14
Lyon (Sheffield)	14
Macaulay (W. Ham)	12
Dodds (Sheffield U.)	12
Rooke (Fulham)	11
Herd (Manchester)	11
Bullett (Plymouth)	10
Billington (Luton)	10
Clarke (W. Bromwich)	9
Burgin (W. Bromwich)	9
Briggs (Southampton)	9
Walsh (Millwall)	8
Barker (Millwall)	8
Lewis (Bradford)	8

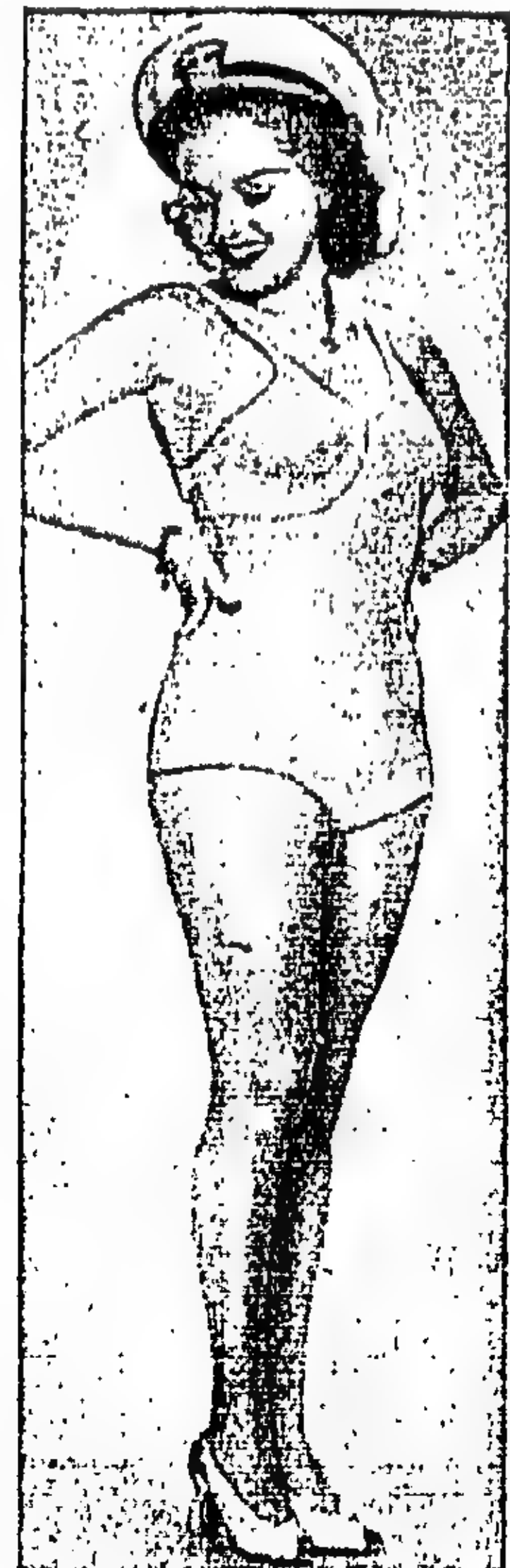
Division III—(South)	
Cheetham (Q.P.R.)	15
Morton (Swinton)	14
Collins (Cardiff)	13
McPhee (Reading)	11
Haycox (Rangers)	11
Ray (Aldershot)	10
Dutton (Mansfield)	10
Stephens (Brighton)	10
Langley (Doncaster)	9
Dawes, A. (Paisley)	8
Smirke (Southend)	8
Dunderdale (W. Ford)	8
Tait (Reading)	7

Division III—(North)	
Prendergast (Chester)	10
Bramham (Rotherham)	10
Asquith (Barnsley)	10

REVENGE CLASH

New York, Jan. 10. Promoter Mike Jacobs has arranged a revenge clash over 15 rounds between Billy Conn, Pittsburgh's new light heavyweight sensation, and Freddie Apostoli, middle-weight champion, for February 10.—United Press.

Patrick (Shipton)	15
Hanson (Rotherham)	12
Durdlitt (Wrexham)	12
Wynn (Hochdale)	12
Steele (Barnsley)	11
Ferrier (Oldham)	11
Nortimer (York)	11
Halford (Oldham)	10
Fenney (Darlington)	10
Kilbourne (Doncaster)	10
Cunliffe (Plymouth)	10
Robertson (Bradford)	10
Lythgoe (Stockport)	9
Sargeant (Stockport)	9
Hunt (Carlisle)	9



Betty Grable in Paramount's farcical comedy, "Oliver A Sailor," now showing at the Queen's Theatre. A special musical short, "Tannhauser," is also included in the programme.

OUR SPELLING BEE (see page 7) Unintentional—linking—dissection topknot—flescent—discover

RECREIO LADIES SUCCEED

EASY BADMINTON WINS LAST NIGHT

Two matches in the Ladies' Doubles Badminton League were decided last evening, the Club de Recreio "A" beating Taikoo Club by 9-0 and the Club de Recreio "B" defeating St. Andrew's 8-1.

TAIKOO v. RECREIO "A" Mrs. R. Main and Mrs. W. McKie (Taikoo) lost to Miss M. Xavier and Mrs. N. Castro 5-21; lost to Miss O. Ribeiro and Miss M. Ribeiro 13-21; lost to Miss M. Silva and Miss C. Silva 12-21.

Miss R. Summers and Miss J. Summers (Taikoo) lost to Miss Xavier and Mrs. Castro 6-21; lost to Miss Ribeiro and Miss Ribeiro 16-21; lost to Miss Silva and Miss Silva 16-21.

Mrs. W. Melrose and Mrs. R. Norrie (Taikoo) lost to Miss Xavier and Mrs. Castro 4-21; lost to Miss Ribeiro and Miss Ribeiro 10-21; lost to Miss Silva and Miss Silva 5-21.

RECREIO v. ST. ANDREW'S Miss H. M. Ribeiro and Miss A. C. Remedios (Recreio) beat Miss F. Wong and Mrs. Anderson 21-14; beat Miss Greiner and Miss M. Churn 21-13; beat Miss J. Wong and Miss G. White 21-13.

Miss M. Oliveira and Miss A. Norrie (Recreio) beat Miss Wong 21-13; lost to Miss Greiner and Miss Churn 7-21; beat Miss Wong and Miss White 21-13.

Miss S. Remedios and Miss I. Pereira (Recreio) beat Miss Wong and Mrs. Anderson 21-4; beat Miss Greiner and Miss Churn 21-9; beat Miss Wong and Miss White 21-2.

"Hot Dogs" Put Together

Promoters of the 1938 Golden Gate International exposition are still juggling with the number of "hot dogs" which they have estimated will be eaten during the fair. This time, they have stretched the "hot dogs" out together and have figured they would reach 273 miles.

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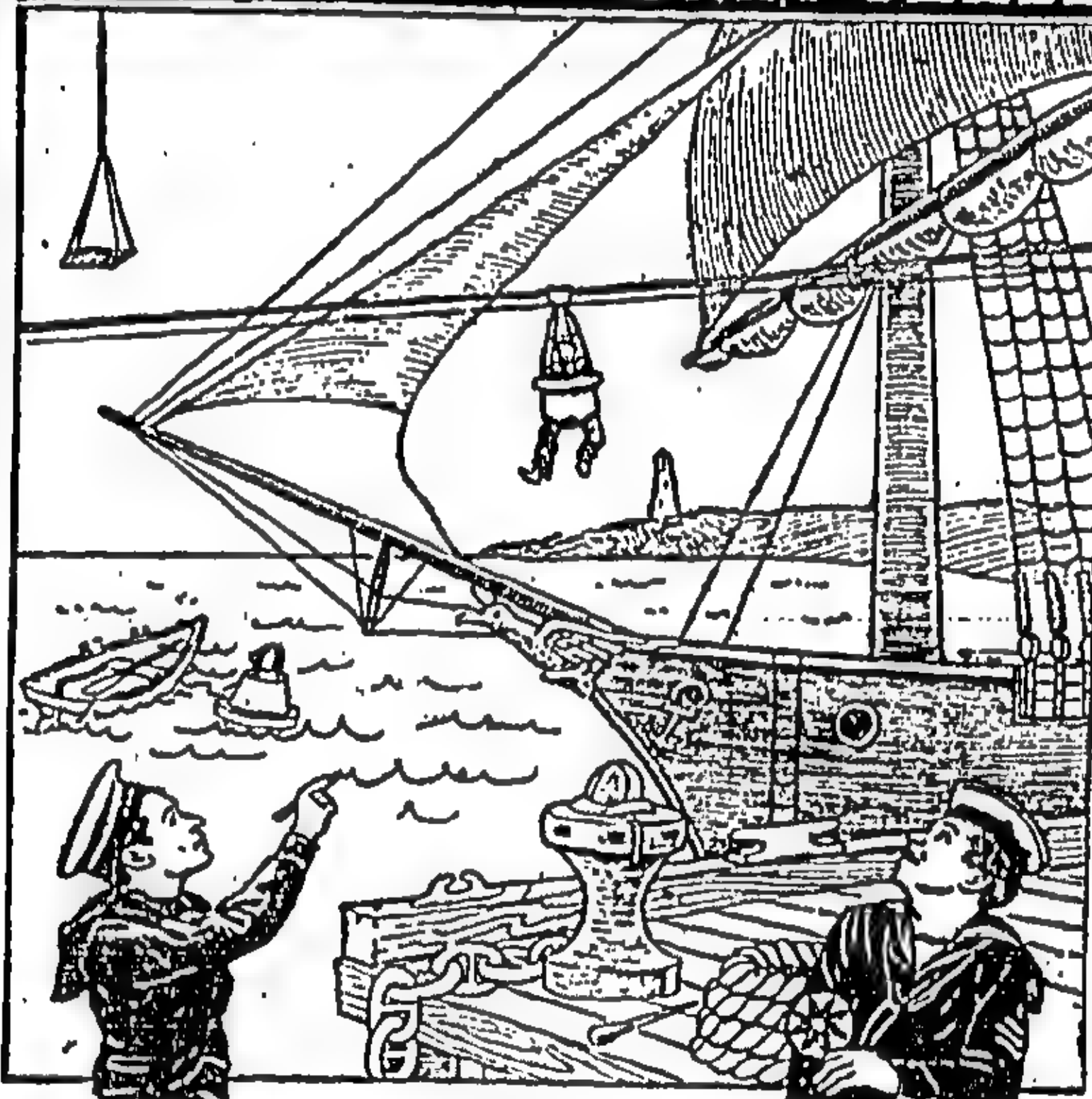
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Goncharoff's Pupils Rehearse



The photographer caught George Goncharoff instructing Ellen Ford in a pose during rehearsals.—Jaffer.



Peggy Scotcher ties her ballet shoes during a rehearsal hour at the Goncharoff School of Dance.—Jaffer.



These small pupils at the Goncharoff School of Dance are taking a lively interest in the rehearsals for the forthcoming ballet "Sleeping Beauty".—Jaffer.



Long hours of practice are needed to perfect this beautiful pose as demonstrated above by Peggy Scotcher.—Jaffer.



Goncharoff pupils with their ballet master posing for a final group during rehearsals. They will present the ballet "Sleeping Beauty" at the King's Theatre on February 2.—Jaffer.



Peggy Scotcher and Ellen Ford as they will appear in the "Sleeping Beauty" ballet.—D'Ale Studios.

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WAR IN 1939 INEVITABLE, U.S. AMBASSADORS WARN

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Information largely confirmed that already obtained by military observers.

All the members left the meeting with long faces, and several did not disguise the serious situation which the ambassadors revealed.

BRITISH, FRENCH CRISIS
One member declared: "The British Empire and France are both facing a crisis of the first magnitude."

If the hearing was designed, as many here suppose, to facilitate President Roosevelt's re-armament programme, it seems at first sight, to have been singularly successful.

FRENCH CABINET MEETS
PARIS, Jan. 10.
THE FRENCH CABINET met this morning to discuss foreign political questions. In addition to drafting an agenda for the parliamentary session beginning in the afternoon.

The Prime Minister reported on his journey to Corsica, Tunis, and Algeria, and the Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet explained the general foreign political situation in connection with the imminent Anglo-Italian conference in Rome.

The Cabinet formulated a memorandum to be submitted to the British Ministers on Tuesday night at the Quai d'Orsay, outlining the reasons why France declines British mediation concerning the Italian claims in the Mediterranean and the Red Sea.

CRUCIAL PHASE
London, Jan. 10.
Mr. Neville Chamberlain's policy of appeasement with the dictators, in an effort to dissolve the dangers of a European war, entered a crucial phase to-day as he left for Rome on a visit to Signor Mussolini.

Mr. Chamberlain's visit is the fourth he has made to the dictators during the past three months.

If Mr. Chamberlain finds Mussolini obdurate upon the question of continued intervention in the Spanish civil war, and on giving effect to the friendship agreement with Britain, it is a foregone conclusion that his policy to the dictators will stiffen.

Since the Munich agreement, at which Czechoslovakia was dismembered, Mr. Chamberlain has gradually—already in the past month—lost patience because of the dictators' lack of response to his appeasement policy.

In public speeches and private conversations he has pretty clearly shown that he thinks it is now the dictators' turn to make some contribution to lasting peace.

Observers believe that if this is not soon forthcoming from both Hitler and Mussolini, Mr. Chamberlain will be impelled to give up his policy which led to the resignation of Mr. Anthony Eden as Foreign Secretary, and to world-wide criticism of the Munich agreement.

Thus the Chamberlain-Mussolini talks may mark a turning point in European political tension. —United Press.

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BRITISH ACTION IN EAST PENDING?

LONDON, Jan. 10.
PROLIFIC REPORTS continue to appear in the newspapers that the British Government is preparing positive action in the not distant future in defence of British trade and the support of China.

The "Birmingham Post" declares: "Soon after the re-assembly of Parliament, the Government will be in a position to announce steps to be taken for the defence of British interests in the Far East."

Well-informed persons regard this as considerably exceeding the actualities.

The "Financial Review" says that the Government is seriously considering two courses of action. One is direct support of the Chinese Government, firstly by a currency loan, and, secondly, by measures designed to "have a more direct influence on the trade and finance of Japan than the powers of Chinese resistance."

The paper, however, learns that the Government has no intention of imposing a general embargo on Japanese exports to Britain at present.

VESTED INTERESTS

Part of the difficulty in the way of trade retaliation "Reuter" learns, is the objections of interests in the Dominions which are doing business with Japan in metals, cotton, and wool. It is understood that Washington is similarly hampered by oil, cotton, scrap, and machine and tool interests.

On the other hand, undoubtedly the British Government's attitude is hardening and opinion is gaining ground that there is nothing to be gained by diplomatic protests.

Nothing legally prevents Great Britain from lending a hand to China, but as regards direct defence of British interests in the Far East, there is ground for believing that the Government may send to Japan a comprehensive note comparable with that of the United States on December 31, as a final effort to obtain redress of British complaints, before trying sterner measures.—Reuter.

MUI-TSAI COMPLAINS

Alleged Ill-treatment Of Unregistered Girl

Li Tsun-ming, 40, unemployed, and Yau Yik-hung, 40, married woman, were charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday with having employed, unregistered mui-tai, Li Shun-hop, aged 12, and another girl, ill-treating a child under 16 years of age.

Mr. H. W. Fraser, Inspector of Mui-tai, said that a very bad report had been received from the medical officer who examined the girl, who had been struck on the legs, head and back with a feather duster by first defendant, and with a piece of firewood by the woman.

Li claimed the girl as a relative, while Yau said the girl had been brought to the place of wood and she had snatched it and struck her back.

Hearing was fixed for January 19, bail of \$100 each being allowed defendants.

PREMIER FACING GRAVEST ISSUES

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ment of Anglo-Italian trade relations and the Jewish question.

With regard to the latter, the Italian press has already indignantly denied reports which credit Italy with the intention of allowing Jews to settle in its colonies.

GERMAN ATTITUDE
The German attitude toward the Anglo-Italian talks is characterised in a statement issued from official quarters this evening. It is pointed out that, according to the pronouncement made on the occasion of the signing of the Franco-German declaration in Paris, Germany is not directly interested in the Mediterranean.

The policy of the Rome-Berlin axis demands that Italy should take the lead in this point.

Beyond this, Germany welcomes the Anglo-Italian talks in the hope that they will contribute towards a European appeasement. — Trans-Ocean.

Sunspots Cause Crime

SCIENTISTS all over the world are working on a theory that sunspots are the cause of most accidents and crime.

After examining volumes of statistics they have discovered that during years when there have been the most sunspots there has also been an alarming increase in crime and violence.

There was great sunspot activity in 1908, which coincided with a great crime wave.

Last year the record for crime and violent death was the greatest since the beginning of the century, and statistics show that 1937 was the greatest year for sunspots since 1870.

In 1934 there was a lull in crime—it was a period of few sunspots.

Crime is on the increase again, and scientists say that sunspot activity will reach its maximum in 1940.

Hunger And Cold In Madrid

Food rations are now restricted to about two ounces daily per person. The shops are empty, except for scanty supplies of chick peas, lentils, beans and rice. These are sold three times a week to holders of food ration cards.

No oil has been distributed for a month, so many people are unable to cook the food which they receive. For many months the civil population has had no milk, coffee, tea, butter or other common household food items. A pinch of sugar is issued at rare intervals. Occasionally dried cod is available.

No tobacco or cigarettes have been on sale for over 18 months. Some bad wine, brandy and so-called "Madrid wine," made near Madrid, is sometimes on sale.

For the first time for weeks there was a distribution of matches. Each food card, whether for a family or an individual, was entitled to five boxes.

The prohibition of the use of electric stoves, both privately and in official departments, adds to the misery of the inhabitants in the present bitterly cold weather.

Italian Kidnapped Near Ming Tombs

Peiping, Jan. 10.
An Italian, Signor Frank Poletti, postal commissioner for the Peiping area, with a Russian lady and three Chinese servants, have been kidnapped near the Ming Tombs.

The kidnappers released one servant with the demand for \$30,000 ransom. The affair occurred 25 miles from Peiping, within a stone's throw of the Japanese garrison post.—Reuter.

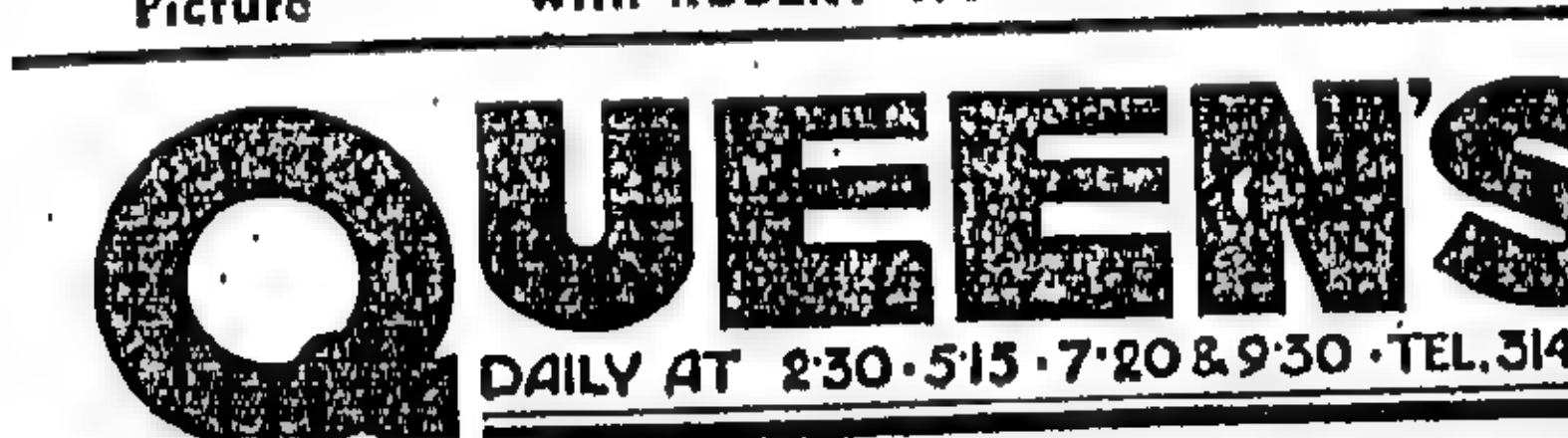
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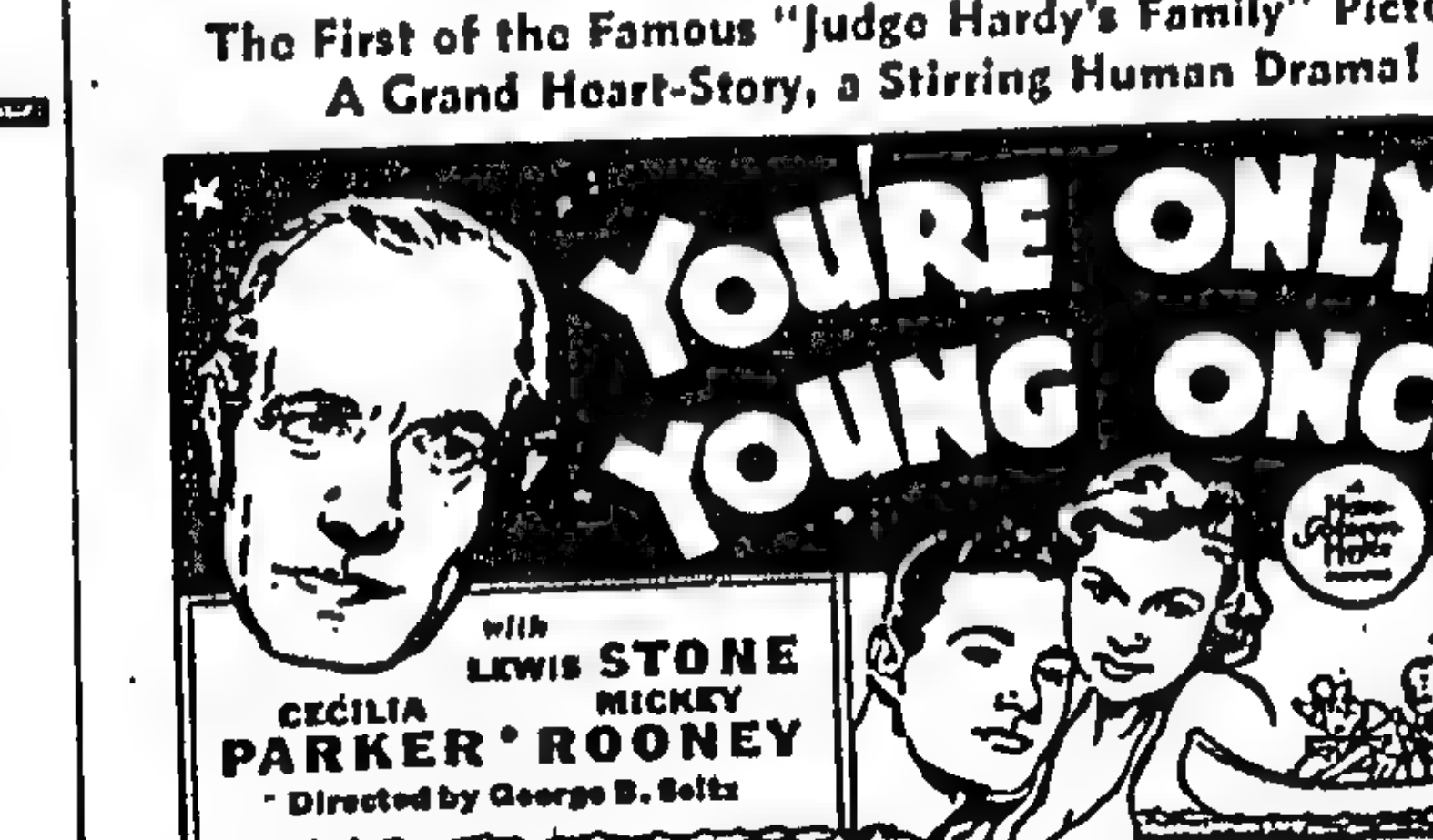
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Exchange Control For Chefoo

Peiping, Jan. 10.
The Provisional Government has issued a statement declining to assume responsibility for the repayment of loans to Britain and America, claiming that they were made to the Chiang Kai-shek Government.—Reuter.

Peiping, Jan. 10.
It is reported from Chefoo that the Japanese authorities there are bringing into force on January 15 control of foreign exchange transactions, similar to those which have been in force at Tientsin for some time. The reason given is "naval necessity".—Reuter.

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PREMIER FACING GRAVE ISSUES DURING ROME VISIT

ROME, JAN. 10. WITH THE STAGE SET IN AN IMPOSING FASHION FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER, MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, AND LORD HALIFAX, EVENTS IN THE LAST FEW HOURS HAVE TENDED TO BRING HOME TO POLITICAL CIRCLES HERE THE IMMENSITY OF THE TASK CONFRONTING THE BRITISH AND ITALIAN STATESMEN.

The Italian press is continuing to maintain its claims on Franco.

The "Tribuna" declares this evening that France is refusing to recognise the justice of the Italian claims which are based on the London pact.

WON'T MODIFY CLAIMS

Well-informed circles here are maintaining, in even greater insistence than formerly, that Italy has no intention of modifying its claims, especially with respect to Djibouti. It would appear that official Italian circles are "certain" that the British statesmen will discuss this question as well as the problem of Franco-Italian relations, although no attempt is being made to overlook the last minute efforts made by the French Government to induce the British statesmen to steer clear of these points as far as possible.

As a consequence, the Paris Intergovernmental Conference has already caused a good deal of resentment here.

ROME RESENTMENT

In putting forward Italy's case, much is made of the promise made to Italy when she entered the Great War, especially as to her title to compensation in accordance with paragraph 13 of the secret London Pact.

Italy appears quite resolved to go to all lengths to get this claim settled. Another point fraught with difficulties is the Spanish problem.

Italy, it is declared, will reject all attempts to solve the Spanish question by way of compromise.

Very great importance is attached here to the successes achieved by General Franco in Catalonia. The imputation is that as these successes have brought General Franco within the grasp of a final victory, Italy has now no longer any need to insist on the granting of belligerent rights to General Franco.

It is presumed here that the scope of the talks will be extended to include such matters as the improvement of Anglo-Italian trade relations and the Jewish question.

With regard to the latter, the Italian press has already indignantly denied reports which credit Italy with the intention of allowing Jews to settle in its colonies.

GERMAN ATTITUDE

The German attitude toward the Anglo-Italian talks is characterised in a statement issued from official quarters this evening. It is pointed out that, according to the pronouncement made on the occasion of the

signing of the Franco-German declaration in Paris, Germany is not directly interested in the Mediterranean.

The policy of the Rome-Berlin axis demands that Italy should take the lead in this point. Beyond this, Germany welcomes the Anglo-Italian talks in the hope that they will contribute towards a European appeasement. — Trans-Ocean.

CHAMBERLAIN DEPARTS FOR ROME

LONDON, Jan. 10.

THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT of the London "Daily Telegraph" and "Morning Post" states that Mr. Neville Chamberlain is proceeding to Rome with no special object except to restore peace in Europe.

The subjects he will probably discuss with Signor Mussolini will be:

1.—Spain, with special reference to the continuation of Italian and German intervention.

2.—Italy's claim against France. Mr. Chamberlain will probably point out that any Italian territorial aggrandisement will be contrary to the Anglo-Italian Agreement.

3.—Jewry.

4.—General aspects of peace in Europe.

5.—Economic questions.

ARRIVAL IN PARIS

Paris, Jan. 10.

The railway station was decorated with flags and red carpet when Mr. Chamberlain and M. Georges Bonnet, the British Ambassador, and the Embassy staff welcomed Mr. Neville Chamberlain and his party when they arrived at the Gare du Nord en route to Rome to-day.

A large crowd in front of the station cheered and waved as Mr. Chamberlain and M. Daladier, followed by Viscount Halifax and M. Bonnet drove to the Quai d'Orsay.

After a political talk at the Quai d'Orsay, lasting 70 minutes, Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax, accompanied by M. Daladier and M. Bonnet drove to the Gare de Lyon, from where the British Ministers left for Rome at 7.30 p.m.

A communiqué issued regarding the talks stated: "The general identity of views previously reached between the two governments was fully confirmed."

It is believed that M. Daladier and

M. Bonnet took the initiative in the conversations, stating their viewpoint with regard to the Italian claims, and the British Ministers were in entire agreement.

The whole situation was reviewed in the light of decisions already taken. The British Ministers gave an outline of what they would say in Rome, and the French were in complete accord.

It is gathered in political circles in Paris that the British Ministers have gone to Rome without the intention of making any particular declaration, but rather to listen to the Italian viewpoint, the details of which remain a very close secret, but if the Italian should ask the British Ministers' advice they will point out the various steps which they could usefully take.

Firstly, in order to ease the situation in the Mediterranean it is very desirable that the Italians should completely withdraw their troops from Spain.

Secondly, if they desire to straighten out matters with France, the Italian's should approach France directly, cutting off their press campaign and agitation. It is always possible that they might then obtain, for example the conversion of Djibouti into a free port.

Political circles believe that "nothing for nothing" will be the maxim of the Rome talks. — Reuters.

ROME PREPARATIONS

Rome, Jan. 10.

On the eve of the arrival of Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax, final preparations are being made in the Italian capital for a festive reception of the English guests.

The vast hall of the Central Railway Station is covered with English and Italian flags, and decorated with flowers.

The surroundings of the station are affording a similarly gay view, with an abundant display of flags.

A stand has been erected just in front of the station to give the British colony an opportunity of greeting the statesmen of their country.

After the arrival of the guests at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, the guests will drive to the Villa Madama, where they will stay during the visit.

At 5.45 p.m. Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax will enter their names in the visitors' book at Quirinale Palace, after which they will have their first conversation with Signor Mussolini, who, at 9 o'clock gives a

Hungary Departs From League

Rome, Jan. 11.

Hungary has decided to withdraw from the League of Nations and will communicate her decision to Geneva in the next few days, reliable information indicates.

It is pointed out that Hungary recently made definite moves to befriend the countries adhering to the anti-Comintern Pact. It concluded a cultural agreement with Japan and on Tuesday formally recognised Manchukuo. — Dornel.

Exchange Control For Chefoo

Peking, Jan. 10.

It is reported from Chefoo that the Japanese authorities there are bringing into force on January 15 control of foreign exchange transactions, similar to those which have been in force at Tsingtao for some time.

The reason given is "naval necessity". — Reuters.

banquet and reception at the Palazzo Venezia.

The extraordinary importance attached to the visit is indicated by the fact that 50 English newspaper correspondents have arrived, and similarly numerous newspapermen are expected from other countries. — Trans-Ocean.

NO DRUM-BEATING

Rome, Jan. 10.

Although there will be no bunting, drum-beating and trumpeting such as greeted Herr Hitler, an atmosphere of genuine cordiality and enthusiasm awaits Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax.

While nothing has been said officially with regard to the subjects for discussion, it is thought here, that despite the London statement that the discussions will be on general lines, that specific details are bound to be broached.

Spain, Franco-Italian relations, Italy's colonial aspirations, the Suez Canal administration, the Jewish settlement, and Anglo-Italian trade are among the subjects mentioned.

The first official welcome to the British Ministers will be at Turin at 8 a.m. to-morrow. The special train is due at Genoa at 10 a.m. where the Ministers will be welcomed by the civil and military authorities.

The train is due in Rome at 4.23 p.m., where the visitors will be welcomed by Count Ciano, other Italian Ministers, and members of the British Embassy. The station will be decorated with flowers and Italian and British flags.

The British delegation will drive in seven cars, headed by Mr. Chamberlain and Count Ciano through the troop-lined streets to the Villa Madama. — Reuters.

BRITISH ACTION IN EAST PENDING?

LONDON, Jan. 10.

PROLIFIC REPORTS

continue to appear in the newspapers that the British Government is preparing positive action in the not distant future in defence of British trade and the support of China.

The "Birmingham Post" declares: "Soon after the re-assembly of Parliament, the Government will be in a position to announce steps to be taken for the defence of British interests in the Far East."

Well-informed persons regard this as considerably exceeding the actualities.

The "Financial Review" says that the Government is seriously considering two courses of action. One is direct support of the Chinese Government, firstly by a currency loan, and, secondly, by measures designed to "have a more direct influence on the trade and finance of Japan than upon the powers of Chinese resistance."

The paper, however, learns that the Government has no intention of imposing a general embargo on Japanese exports to Britain at present.

VESTED INTERESTS

Part of the difficulty in the way of trade retaliation, "Reuters" learns, is the objections of interests in the Dominions which are doing business with Japan in metals, cotton and wool. It is understood that Washington is similarly hampered by oil, cotton, scrap, and machine and tool interests.

On the other hand, undoubtedly the British Government's attitude is hardening and opinion is gaining ground that there is nothing to be gained by diplomatic protests.

Nothing legally prevents Great Britain from lending a hand to China, but as regards direct defence of British interests in the Far East, there is ground for believing that the Government may send to Japan a comprehensive note comparable with that of the United States on December 31, as a final effort to obtain redress of British complaints, before trying sterner measures. — Reuters.

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British Explanation Of Palestine Is Refuted

"TRANS-OCEAN" QUOTES ARAB DECLARATION

ACCORDING to a "Trans-Ocean" (German) message from Cairo, representatives of Palestine Arabs to-day gave a statement refuting the declaration published by the British Government on Monday regarding the situation in Palestine.

The "Trans-Ocean" message states, among other things, that the British account of the situation was intended to conceal the true state of affairs, that the procedure of British troops in Palestine was so cruel, and, substantiated by such numerous eye-witness accounts and incontestable documents, that the proofs would fill volumes.

The declaration, says "Trans-Ocean", claims that the British assertion that reports of the shooting of Arab prisoners in cold blood were untrue, is contradicted by the evidence of eye-witnesses in the trial now going on in Jaffa of four British police officers, and by hundreds of documents signed by eye-witnesses, and the statements of relative of those shot.

"It is even indisputable that more civilians, including women and children, than irregulars have been killed by the British military forces in Palestine," Trans-Ocean adds.

ENGLISHMEN EVICTED
The British assertion that no houses of innocent people had been demolished is not in accord with the facts.

"Innumerable houses in the town of Jaffa were blown up by British troops. The village of Chahab, as well as the villages of Kulleh, Sileh, Kabatjah, Asun, Tabeh and Hatt had all been completely annihilated."

"Numerous Englishmen have had to leave Palestine at the order of the authorities, because they expressed indignation at the treatment of Arabs by British soldiers."

"Assertions made by the English that differences exist among the irregulars are not in accord with the facts. On the contrary it is true that mercenary bands and Arab civilians were sent against Nationalist irregulars by England in order to avoid the impression that a civil war was in progress, and thus to cause internal strife."

"The British assertion that private property had not been demanded is incomprehensible, since hundreds of attested statements by eye-witnesses about the theft of gold and valuables are available."

MOSQUES VIOLATED
"The statement that the mosques had been respected is incomprehensible, since up till now, altogether 30 mosques had been destroyed or damaged, namely the mosques of Jenin, Chahab, Kulleh and Jaffa, while the sacred Aksar mosque in Jerusalem had been seriously

damaged by numerous projectiles. In the sacred mosque district in Jerusalem, a British police station had been erected."

"As for the reasons given for British collective expiation, it is stated that these make no impression on the general population, but bring about the total ruin of the Arab population of Palestine."

Through collective expiation, about one-eighth of the population's fortunes have, up till now, been confiscated.

"Not only the Mufli, but the entire Arab people and Moslems throughout the world condemn the proved cruelties of the British, and regret that through the British Palestine policy, the Arab press is 'caged', while the Jewish press and the British press dependent on the Jews, poisons world opinion about Palestine, and lends its influence in the direction set by British propaganda."

—Trans-Ocean.

Formosa Takes S'hai Market

Shanghai, Jan. 10.

A Japanese paper here reports an increasing influx of Formosan goods into Shanghai.

Some of these are said to out-distance similar goods from other countries.

With 50,000 tons of sugar in 1938, against 5,000 tons in 1937, Formosa topped the import list, even threatening to monopolise the market.

With the original price low, and shipping costs small, Formosan sugar constitutes a big rival for Java's sugar exports.

At the same time, the paper expects that Formosan fruits and vegetables will, to a large extent, replace the Singapore goods.

The O.S.K. shipping line is said to be contemplating an increase in passenger and cargo services between Shanghai and Formosa in order to link up the producer and consumer markets.—Trans-Ocean.

Spanish Sailors To Be Repatriated GIBRALTAR, Jan. 10.

THE captain, officers and crew of the Loyalist destroyer, Jose Luis Diaz, which was damaged in a fight with insurgent war-ships last month, will be sent to a Spanish Government port to-morrow aboard H.M. destroyers Glowworm and Greyhound, according to a reliable authorities.—Reuter.

TOO MUCH WHEAT IN WORLD

Fear Of Decrease In Prices

LONDON, Jan. 10.

THE International Wheat Committee, on which the governments of 22 wheat-growing countries are represented, met for a conference to-day at the Board of Trade offices.

In the absence of the United States Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Kennedy, the chair was taken by the United States Minister to Sofia, Mr. Ray Atherton.

The object of the conference is to consider measures for avoiding the disastrous consequences which threaten the international wheat market, owing to the excess of supplies resulting from bumper harvests in the principal wheat-growing lands.

The conference after a study of statistical data, will discuss appropriate measures to be recommended to the governments concerned.

At the opening of the meeting, Mr. Atherton announced that the United States intended to withdraw from the chairmanship of the committee. This step, he added, did not imply any diminution of American interest in the committee's work.

It has not yet been decided who will preside at future meetings of the committee.—Trans-Ocean.

CHINESE GENIUS PRAISED

New Burma Road Is Remarkable Construction Feat

LONDON, Jan. 10.

MR. Nelson Johnson, who leaves for New York by the Il De France on Wednesday, to-day laughingly dodged the question whether he saw any supplies entering China during his motor trip of 2,100 miles along the new Burma road.

He said: "I was very much interested in the scenery. To get an idea of the Chinese feat, it must be realised that the entire road was surveyed and built by native labour, without a single piece of road-building equipment. The Chinese used bullock-carts to take away the material, and stone rollers carved from rocks to smooth down the surface of the road."—United Press.

VISIT SPECULATIONS

LONDON, Jan. 10.

The United States Ambassador to China, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, arrived here to-day. Although his visit is stated to be purely private, political circles believe that it is connected with the economic "plan of campaign" against Japan, contemplated by England and the United States.

It is expected that Mr. Johnson will have conversations with a number of business leaders interested in trade with China, and possibly also with political personalities, before embarking for the United States.

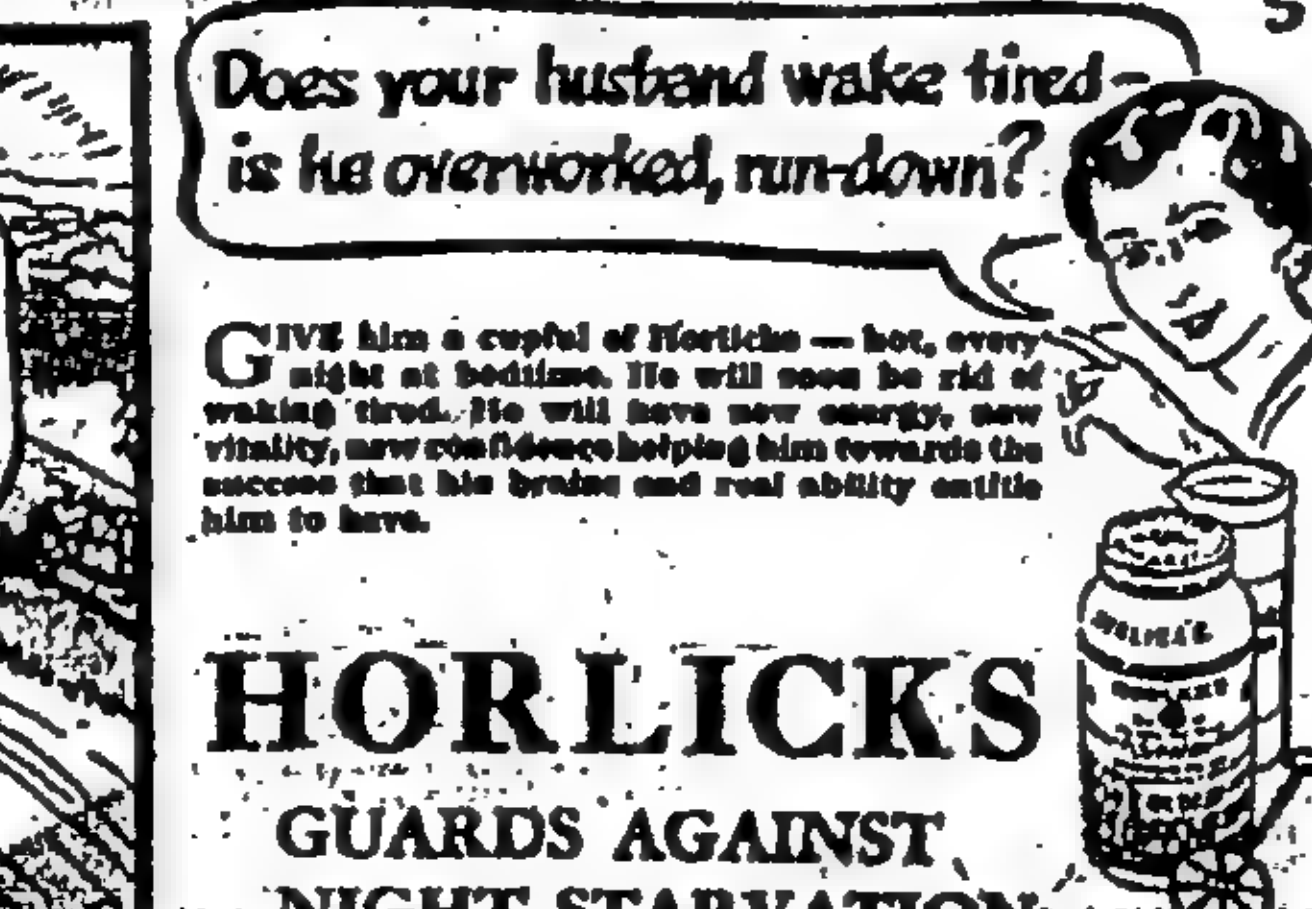
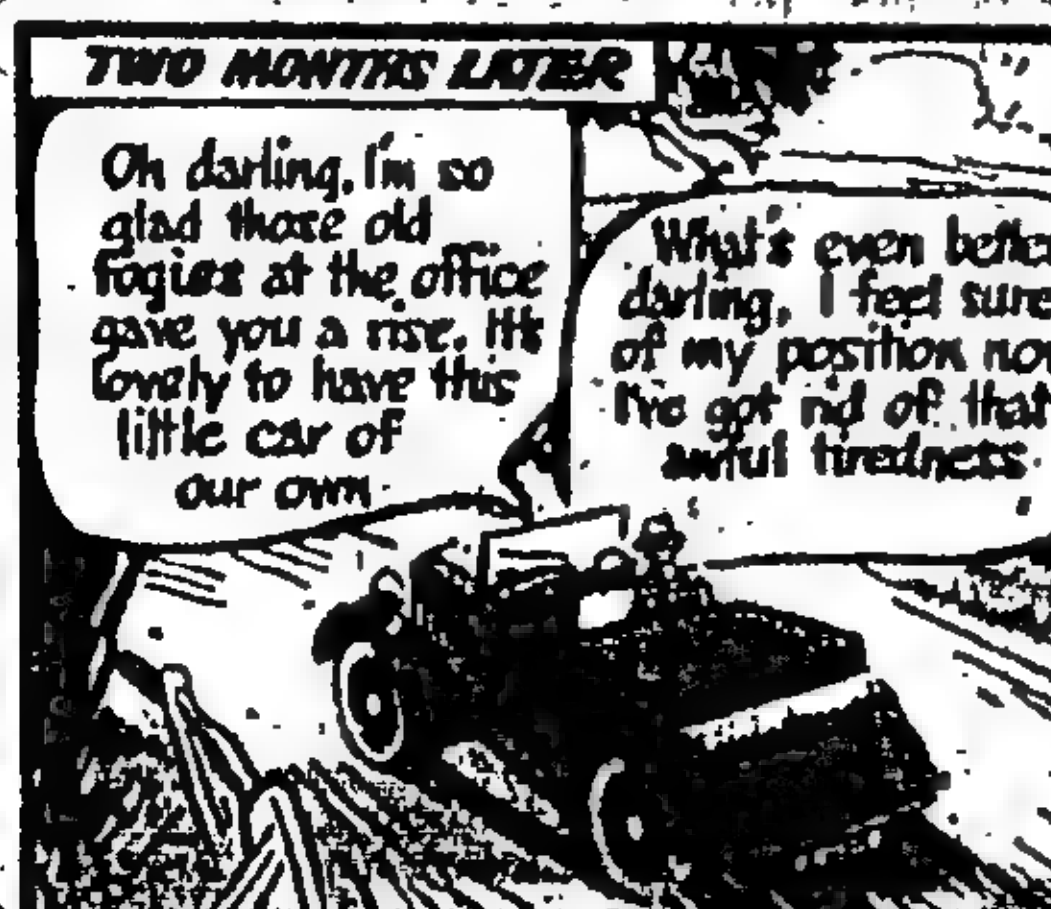
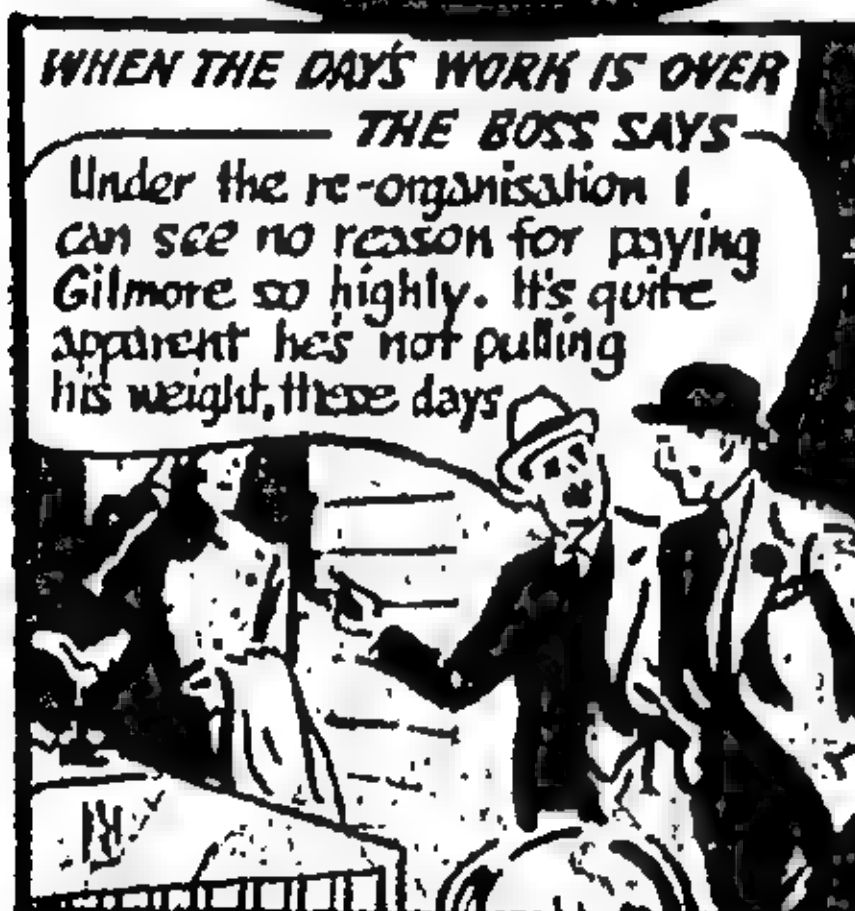
The Ambassador, on his return to America, will report to President Roosevelt on the situation in the Far East.—Trans-Ocean.

Puppets Won't Pay Foreign Loans

PEIPING, Jan. 10.

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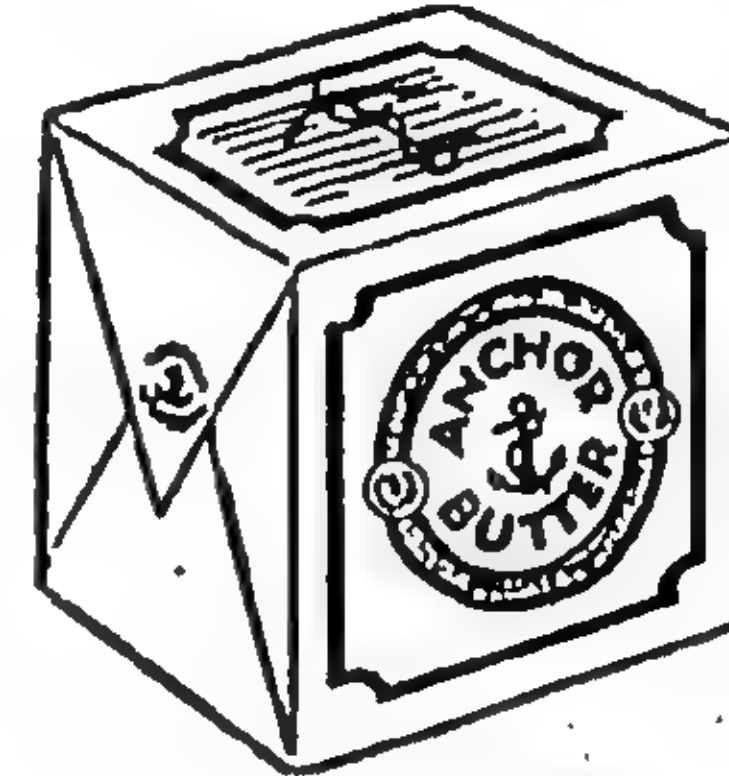
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Sentences In Nazi Trials

BERLIN, Jan. 10. SENTENCE ON THE Radical writer, Ernst Nieckisch, and his associates, charged with high treason, was pronounced by the People's Court to-day, after a trial lasting eight days.

Nieckisch was sentenced to penal servitude for life and the permanent loss of civil rights for the "preparation of high treason and the illegal organisation of a political party."

The second accused, Herr Drexel was sentenced to three and a half years penal servitude and loss of civil rights for three years on similar charges, while the third accused, Herr Troeger was sentenced to 21 months imprisonment.

In the latter case, accused is considered to have purged his sentence while under remand.

It was established during the trial that Nieckisch attempted to "continue his National-Bolshevik Widerstandsbewegung (Movement of Resistance)" which dates back as far as 1920, despite prohibition of political parties after 1933. "By his speeches and writings, he had attempted to propagate a Bolshevik Utopia."

The trial revealed that "sporadic intellectual efforts were from the beginning bound to fail in view of the political attitude of the entire German people, so that the court therefore abstained from inflicting the death sentence."—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. Wheat For Starving Chinese

Chungking, Jan. 11. The first shipment of 2,400 tons of wheat donated by the U.S. Red Cross Society to relieve Chinese refugees has arrived in China, according to a Shanghai message.

Of this amount 800 tons has been unloaded at Hongkong for relief of refugees in south China and the remaining 1,600 tons in Shanghai.

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All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

Central News.

LORD BALDWIN'S FUND
London, Jan. 10. Lord Baldwin's refugee fund is now over £350,000.—Reuter.

Neutral Zone For Czech Hungarian Frontier

PRAGUE, Jan. 10.

THE SUGGESTION that a neutral zone be extended all along the frontier between Carpatho-Ukraine and Hungary is made in a note from Czechoslovakia to Hungary.

In reply to the latter's protest about the Munkacsvo incident. The Czechoslovak note maintains that the incident originated in shots from the Hungarian side.

It suggests that the affair, together, with the incident at Dovho on Sunday, should be referred to a mixed Czech-Hungarian Commission, which would be empowered to make a final arbitration.—Reuter.

CABINET RE-SHUFFLE IMMINENT

Separate Minister For Dominions

LONDON, Jan. 10.

ALTHOUGH IT is known that when Mr. Chamberlain returns from Rome, a re-shuffle of portfolios in the British Cabinet is planned, no reliable information is as yet available.

It is, however, confidently asserted that the post of Secretary to the Dominions, which became vacant through the death of Lord Stanley, since when it has been administered by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, in addition to the Colonial Office, will again have a separate Minister.

In support of this, it is pointed out that Mr. MacDonald is at present fully occupied at the Colonial Office, particularly in connection with the tasks arising out of the Palestine question.—Trans-Ocean.

C. IN C. TO LEAVE FOR SAIGON

H.M.S. Kent, flying the flag of the Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble, and accompanied by H.M.S. Falkmouth, will sail for Saigon and Manila on Sunday. The flagship is due to return to Hongkong on February 2.

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4 m/s D/p do.	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/c U.S.A.	20 1/2
4 m/s France	11.40
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in Lon.	4.67 1/2

Temperature Up 22 Degrees

Yesterday's temperature leapt up to a top mark of 72 degrees, a difference of 10 degrees from the minimum recording of the previous 24 hours, and 22 degrees higher than the minimum of four days ago.

There was also a difference of 11 degrees during the last 24 hours, the minimum temperature being 61.

The thermometer continued to register fairly high this morning, being 58 at 10 o'clock, with an accompanying humidity of 60 per cent.

A maximum temperature of 72 is not unusual for a January day. In fact for years past, a temperature of 70 or more has been the rule rather than the exception.

The fine weather is to continue, with fresh north-east winds, according to the local weather forecast.

Dutch Line In Court

The Java China Japan Line, N.V., York Building, were summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistrate's Court to-day for failing to submit a complete list of names of non-Chinese passengers who arrived on board their steamer, the Tjibadak, on December 29.

A representative of the firm pleaded guilty. Detective-Sergeant F. W. Fowle, of the Police Registration of Persons Department, said that the list sent by the firm to the police omitted the name of a passenger of Iranian nationality. The omission was apparently due to the fact that the passenger travelled second class. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

Kinshan Goes To Canton

The Steamboat Company's Steamer Kinshan departed for Canton this morning.

She is the first merchant vessel, other than the relief steamer Wuchang, to go to Canton since the Japanese occupation of that city.

The Kinshan departed at 8 a.m. with 40 European passengers on board for Shanghai.

The trip is the result of repeated consultations between the British and Japanese authorities, and it is hoped a regular bi-weekly service will be inaugurated in the near future.

In accordance with the understanding reached between the Japanese and the Company, no Chinese passengers and cargoes are on board, nor is any mail being carried.

Four Die In R.A.F. Crash At Home

London, Jan. 10. A shepherd's discovery of a burnt-out plane on a high, snow-capped hill in a remote spot near Delbury, Herefordshire, has solved the mystery of the air force bomber which had been missing since leaving Prestwick aerodrome, Ayrshire, last night, with a crew of four.

All the bodies were found on the hillside, suggesting that the men jumped from the plane.—Reuter Special.

KING'S COMING SOON

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AN HISTORIC SPEECH

Roosevelt Praised by Anthony Eden

LONDON, Jan. 10. THE DEFINITION by President Roosevelt of the American attitude to the problems of the modern world would surely become historic, declared Mr. Anthony Eden, speaking as a guest at the American Chamber of Commerce in London to-day.

He added: "That speech is in itself, a masterpiece of clarity and candour, but it is something more than that. It is a sign-post which points the way along which all liberty-nations of the world would wish to travel."

"I am sure my British friends will agree with me when I say that it is difficult to exaggerate the tonic effect of this speech upon the British people."—Reuter.

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IT!

Hungarians Recognise Manchukuo Conquest

TOKYO, Jan. 10.

THE RECOGNITION of Manchukuo by Hungary has caused great satisfaction here.

Political circles believe that it foreshadows Hungary's adhesion to the anti-Comintern pact.

The Premier, Baron Hiranuma, in a telegram to the Hungarian Premier, Baron Bela de Imredy, expressed his gratification at the decision of the Hungarian Government, and his hope that the friendly relations between Hungary, Manchukuo, and Japan would become still closer.

A spokesman of the Japanese Office likewise expressed his satisfaction at the recognition.

The spokesman stressed that relations between Japan and Hungary had become increasingly friendly in consequence of the cultural agreement recently concluded between the two countries, and that on the other hand Hungary was on cordial terms with the other two signatories of the anti-Comintern pact—Germany and Italy.—Trans-Ocean.

Nazis' Pound Of Flesh

Will Barter Jews For Money

BERLIN, Jan. 10.

DR. SCHACHT, President of the Reichsbank, is expected to return from Basle to-night to begin discussions to-morrow with the Refugee Committee, headed by Mr. George Rublee. The committee arrived here to-day.

It is learned that discussions will be based on the plan which Dr. Schacht took to London, but it is understood that Dr. Schacht has hinted that the plan is not Germany's last word.

Germany apparently imagines that world Jewry is prepared to call off the anti-German boycott in order to help their brethren in Germany, but there is good reason to believe that foreign Jewish resources are already drained, assisting German Jews.

Dr. Schacht is understood to have given a definite assurance that there will be no further anti-Jewish measures in Germany unless negotiations for an emigration loan break down.—Reuter.

SASSOON SENDS AID TO SHAI JEWS

Shanghai, Jan. 10. Coincident with the arrival next Sunday of the Italian liner, Victoria, bringing 200 German-Jewish refugees here to soar towards the 2,000 mark, the Jewish Committee has announced that Sir Victor Sassoon, the "richest foreigner in the Far East," has cabled from England remitting a large, but undisclosed, sum of money. The arrival of the Victoria displaces the record of the previous day.

Chinese Restaurant Raided By Police

The fifth floor of the Kam Lung Restaurant was raided by the police last night, which resulted in the arrest of 13 persons.

Ng Yee, 38, unemployed, and Leung Yip, 25, married woman, were charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning with keeping the place as a common gaming house. They failed to appear in Court and had their bail of \$75 each forfeited.

The remaining eleven persons, charged with gambling there, failed to be present in Court, and had their bail of \$3 each forfeited.

Indian Doctor Returns To China's War Fields: Praise For Hongkong Generosity

DR. Atal, head of the Indian Medical Unit which in recent months has been active in various parts of China, has just paid a flying visit to Hongkong. He returned to his base at Chungking to-day, taking with him fresh medical equipment and supplies. His journey will take him via Indo-China to Kunming, in Yunnan province, and then across the newly completed Kunming-Chungking highway.

Since they passed through the Colony several months ago the Indian doctors have played a prominent part in the relief of the wounded during the present hostilities between Japan and China, organising hospitals in Central and Western China and training Chinese doctors to replace those killed in the field or through bombing.

Dr. Atal himself has had several exciting experiences. A vessel which took the Unit from Hankow to Ichang, on the Yangtze River, missed being bombed by only a few hours. A later steamer the same day was hit by an incendiary bomb and sunk; her passengers and crew were rescued by the Japanese, but the machine-gunned. The doctors worked Ichang where the doctors worked a fortnight after their departure up-river to Chungking. Twenty patients were killed and the doctors' quarters demolished.

The party is now making preparations to proceed to Yunnan, the Red stronghold in Shensi province, which is also the cradle of China's guerrilla fighters. A much-needed base hospital will be established there to cope with the wounded.

GENEROUS H.K. INDIANS

Their decision to visit the North-West, at a later date, placed the doctors in a precarious position. If the Japanese follow out their most likely programme and cross the frozen Yellow River next month, it will result in the Indians being completely isolated from the main Chinese armies. Dr. Atal feels, however, that the need for medical assistance in that part of the country warrants the Unit making this dangerous trip.

Dr. Atal informed Reuter that the Indian community in Hongkong had done sterling work in raising funds and donating medical supplies. "Their response was unbelievable," he said. "I am very proud of my countrymen in Hongkong."

"We have seen some gruesome sights in the war zone," said the Indian surgeon, shortly before boarding his vessel for Amoy. "We intend, however, to do everything in our power to alleviate the sufferings of our plucky Chinese friends."—Reuter.

BIG FIRES RAGING IN VICTORIA

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strenuous efforts of the volunteer firefighters. Toolong and Powelltown, however, are still in danger.

MANY LIVES LOST

It is feared that many people in the saw-milling areas have been lost. Many residents, including numerous families, are reported missing.

The bush fires have been accompanied by terrific temperatures. In Melbourne, the mercury to-day jumped to the record figure of 112.5 degrees in the shade. In other parts of the State, temperatures of 120 degrees in the shade have been reported.—Reuter Special.

Empire Air Day On May 20

London, Jan. 10. The Air Ministry announces that the sixth Empire Air Day will take place on May 20. The Empire Air Day, which is organised in conjunction with the Air League, is an occasion on which the R.A.F. is at home to the public.—British Wireless.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Jan. 10.			
New York Cotton			
Jan. (1939)	Opening	Closing	
Mar. (1939)	8.25b/30a	8.24 N	
May (1939)	8.34 /33	8.28/20	
July (1939)	8.08 /08	8.02/02	
Oct. (1939)	7.83 /83	7.78/78	
Dec. (1939)	7.35 /35	7.30/30	
Spot	7.30 /37	7.33/33	
New York Rubber			
Mar. (1939)	10.07b/20a	10.11 /11	
May	10.08 /05	10.11 /15	
Sept.		10.12b/10a	
Oct.		10.10 /10	
Dec.		10.15b/18a	
Chicago Wheat			
May	88 1/2/88 1/2	89 /00 1/2	
July	89 /69	89 1/2/69	
Sept.		70 /89 1/2	
Monday's Sales:			
11,885,000 bushels.			
Chicago Corn			
May	62 1/2/62 1/2	62 1/2/62 1/2	
July	63 1/2/63 1/2	63 1/2/63 1/2	
Sept.	64 1/2/64 1/2	64 1/2/64 1/2	
Winnipeg Wheat			
May	62 1/2/62 1/2	62 /02	
July	62 1/2/62 1/2	62 1/2/62 1/2	
Oct.		62 1/2/62 1/2	

RETREAT PLAYED

Retreat was played by the Band of the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots, at the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday before Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble, the Commander-in-Chief, and others.

MUSICA'S BROTHERS TO GO TO SING SING

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of information involving the large-scale sale of arms.

Arms are said to have been shipped to various countries, including China, labelled "Milk of Magnesia."

The Attorney's office also stated to-day that alleged correspondence between Musica and Harry McKenzie, described as a prominent political leader in Connecticut, had been seized at the McKesson and Robbins factory at Bridgeport, Connecticut.

It was a set of dusty fingerprints preserved from an earlier criminal venture, which had lain for a quarter of a century in the files of the old-fashioned Sheriff's court that finally tripped up Musica and his brother in their amazing jekyll and hyde lives.

In his days of criminal adventure before the war Musica and his brothers had frequent encounters with justice but had the temerity to remain in the same city, where they eventually raised themselves to a pinnacle of success and riches without anyone suspecting his true identity.

CHURCH-GOING METHODIST

Philip Musica was a confessed swindler and flashy dressed play-boy, who entertained lavishly in Broadway night clubs. Donald Coster, who replaced him, became a skilful and daring business executive and a church-going Methodist, whose hobbies were yachting, gardening and art.

The Musica family's first clash with the law was in 1908, when the father had risen from a poor barber on East Side to a prosperous importer. He was accused of bribing Customs inspectors.

Young Philip, however, took responsibility for the whole family and was sent to prison. He spent less than a year in gaol, however, and very shortly was again in big business until once again, in 1913, he got into trouble with the authorities on charges of forging bills of lading concerning shipments of human hair to China.

Musica brazenly described himself in "Who's Who in America" as a doctor with a Harvard degree and a practicing physician in New York. He added a string of clubs, of many of which he was not even a member.

In 1930 he had become so well known in big finance that Wall Street floated an issue of \$3,000,000 McKesson bonds. With increasing wealth, Musica bought a large ocean-going yacht and a big country estate.

The three brothers were indicted on charges of making false statements to the New York Stock Exchange of the assets of McKesson and Robbins, of which Musica was president. The assets were given as \$17,500,000, but \$3,000,000 were alleged to be missing.

£1,156 For A Casket Of Tea

London, Jan. 10. In the city of London this morning £1,156 was bid for a casket containing about 38 pounds of Empire-grown Tea.

The money will go to charities associated with the tea industry. The occasion was the celebration of the centenary of Empire tea. The Lord Mayor attended, and auctioned the casket, which was first sealed, and will not be opened until the next century.

A much larger casket, containing Empire tea, and inscribed with the Royal Arms, was sent to Buckingham Palace for the King and Queen.—British Wireless.

Chahar's New Chairman

Chungking, Jan. 11. General Shih Yu-san, guerrilla commander in Shantung, whose troops succeeded in smashing into Taiwan sometime ago, was appointed Chairman of the Chahar Provincial Government by the Executive Yuan at a meeting yesterday.

The meeting also decided on the creation of a Water and Land Transportation Commission, with Mr. T. L. Soong as Chairman, and Mr. Lu Tao-fu as vice-Chairman.—Central News.

Bank Announces £3 Dividend

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation announces that, subject to audit, a dividend of £3 will be paid for the half year, ending December 31, 1938.

The sum of \$1,000,000 has been allotted for Writing Off Bank Premises and \$3,400,600 has been carried forward to the current year. Previous reports that the Japanese authorities are planning not to permit Jews to land.—United Press.

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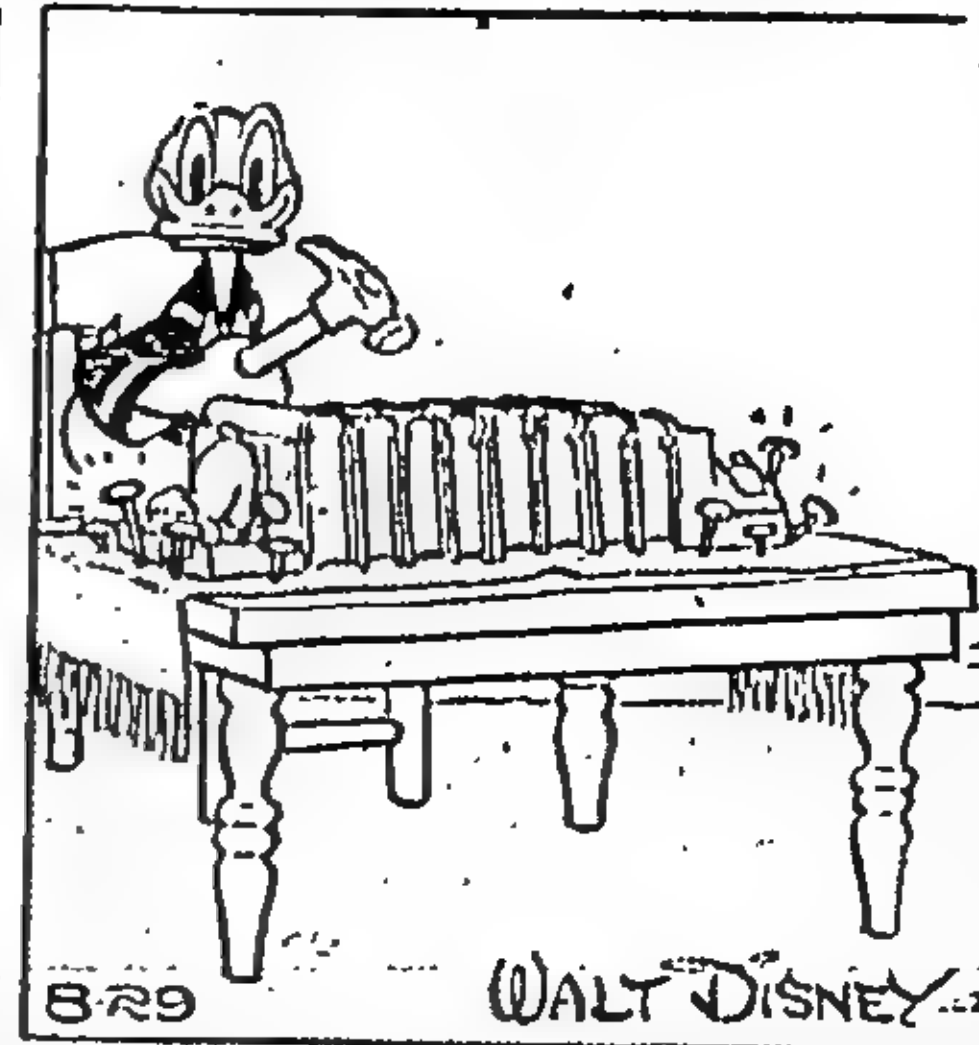
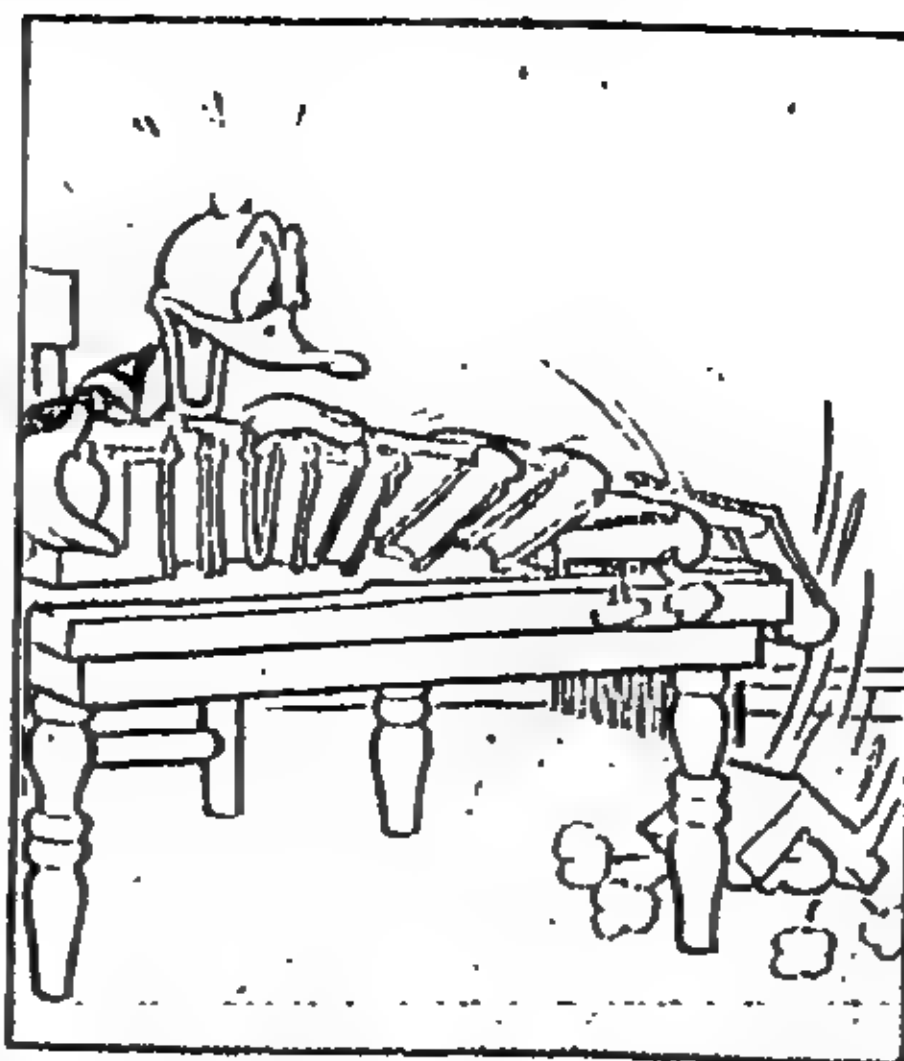
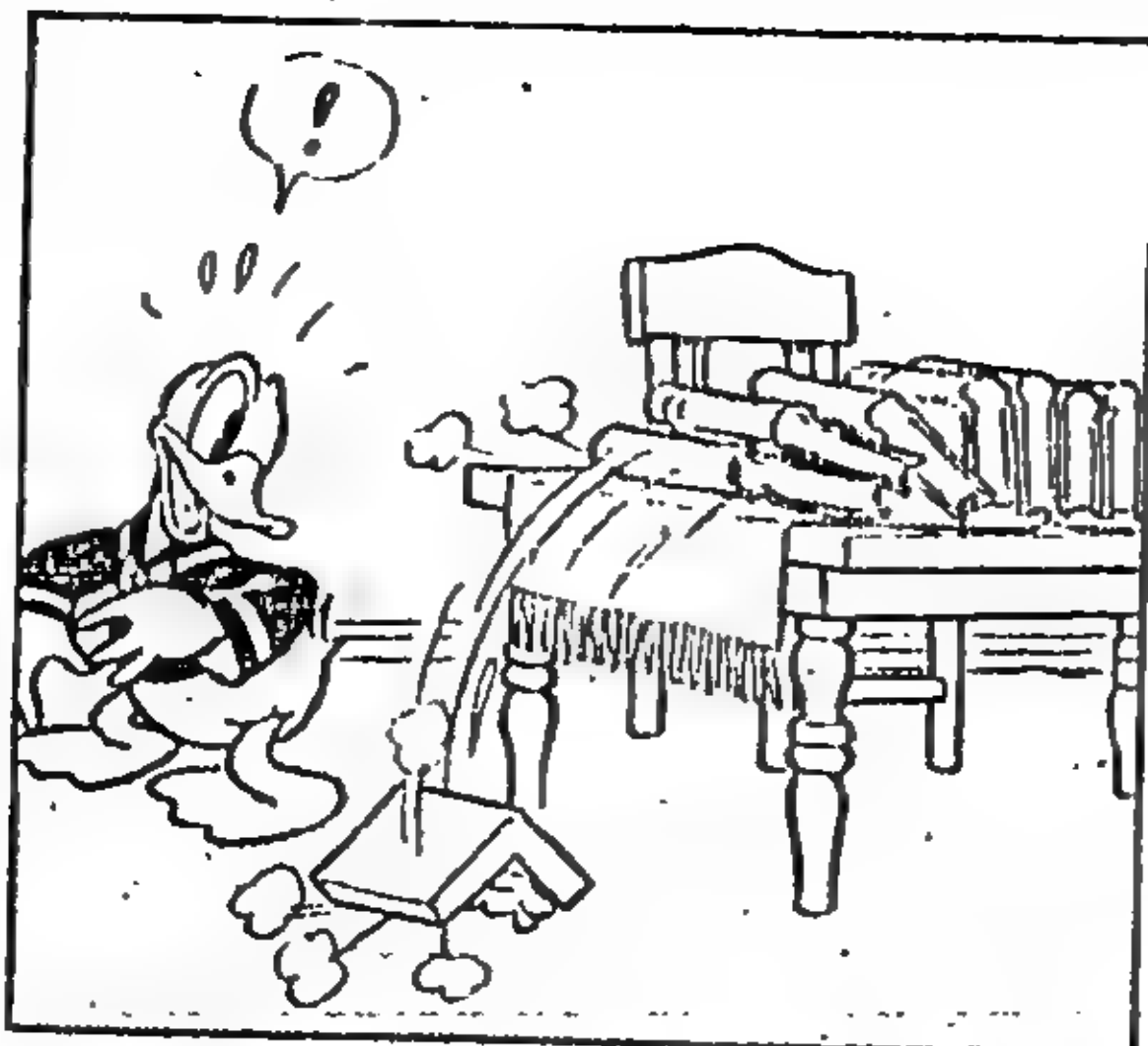
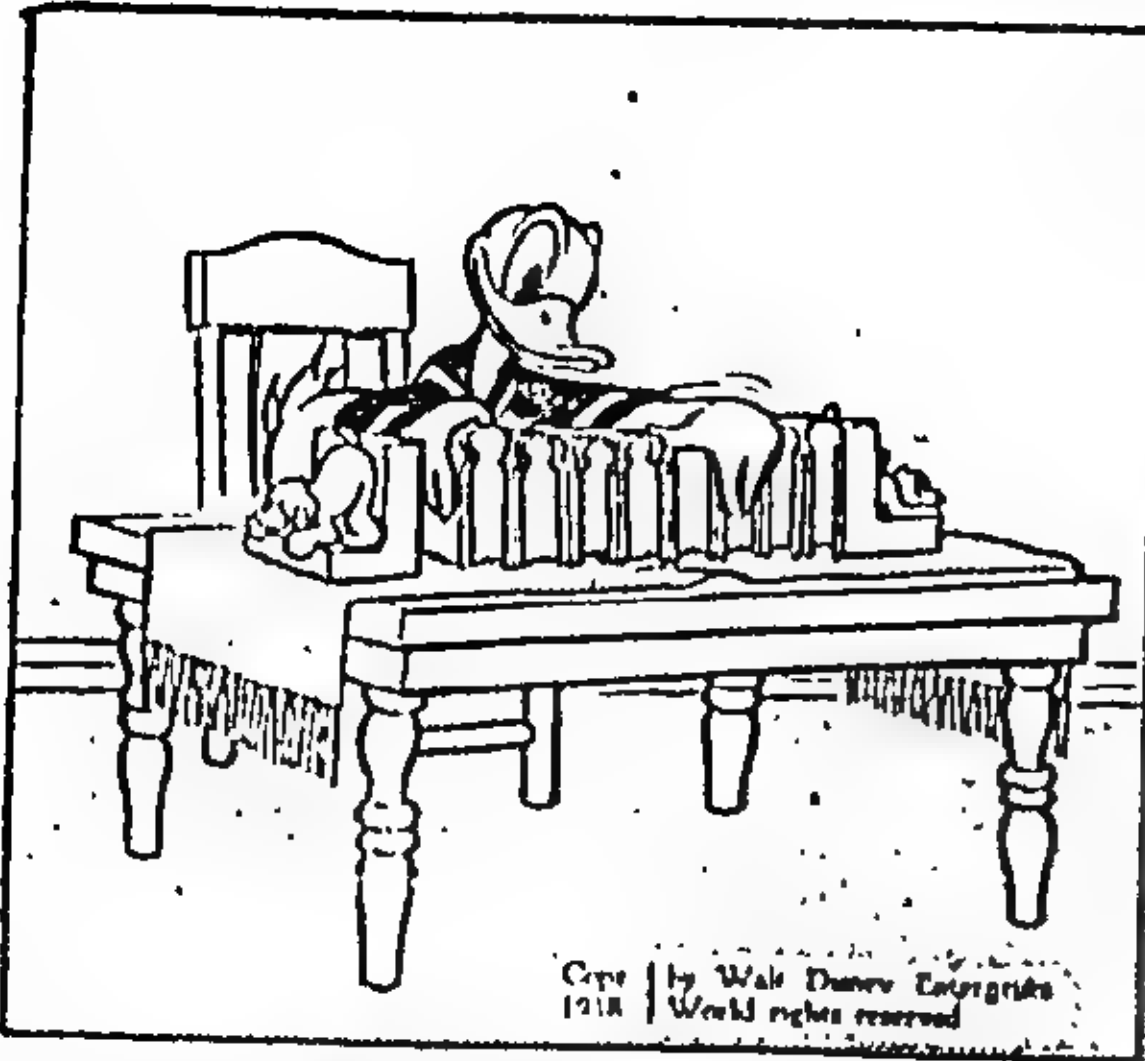
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GOLD DEVALUATION URGED IN U.S.

VERY NECESSARY MEASURE SAYS POLITICIAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10. SENATOR Elmer Thomas to-day urged further devaluation of the dollar's gold content in an effort to raise commodity prices and to promote recovery.

In the course of the interview he said: "It is the only solution to the spending problem, and the question of balancing the budget. We are going to be forced into it."

He said that there was growing pressure from farm groups who faced dwindling prices, demanding increased Federal aid in lieu of the new taxes.

He pointed out that the Treasury now holds \$14,565,000,000 worth of gold, which was about two-thirds of the world supply. Therefore further devaluation would mean a "profit" to the Government of approximately \$2,500,000,000.—United Press.

DUTCH BANKS TO AID STERLING

Amsterdam, Jan. 10. "Reuter" learns that the Dutch banks have decided that they are prepared to co-operate with the Netherlands Bank in checking speculation against sterling.

They are consequently abstaining from participation in gold transactions of such a character as to constitute a speculative attack on sterling.—Reuter.

BRIGHT STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Jan. 10. The London Stock Exchange had a better tone to-day. More active trading developed with late dealings, and the earlier losses were largely recovered in most groups.

Among Industrials, Woolworths were of outstanding interest, the price finishing 1/3d higher at 55/6d, following the announcement of a total distribution for the year of 65 per cent, compared with 60 per cent previously, and that profits were £6,961,000, as against £6,490,000 last year. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter Special.

"PUPPETS" APPEAL TO CHINESE

Shanghai, Jan. 11. Asserting that their own fate, in addition to that of the 12 Chinese provinces now partially or completely under Japanese domination, depended upon their action at this time, Mr. Wen Tsung-yao, President of the Legislative Council of the Reformed Government of Nanking, yesterday issued a lengthy appeal to the people of the nine provinces still under the control of the Kuomintang.

He urged the conclusion of an agreement with Japan on the basis of the three points outlined by Prince Konoye.—Reuter.

German Is Beaten Up By Japanese

AMAZING AFFAIR NEAR SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, Jan. 10. CHINESE reports state that Japanese "Ronin" in Tsungning Island on Sunday severely beat a German engineer, who is owner of the Foon Cotton Mill.

It is stated that the mill was formerly Chinese-owned, but that it was handed over to the German on payment of U.S. \$140,000, whereupon the German proceeded to the island to take over the mill.

The report said that the Japanese attacked the German in an effort to confiscate the property. It is also stated that the German returned to Shanghai and reported the affair to the German Consulate.—United Press.

DEATH FOR 5 ARABS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10. FIVE ARABS were sentenced to death to-day by a British court martial.

These Arabs were among those who were taken into custody during the collisions in the village of Jatta in the Hebron district at the turn of the year.

In numerous Arab villages, domiciliary searches have been made by various British regiments.—Trans-Ocean.

TO CONFER WITH MUFTI

Cairo, Jan. 10. The French High Commissioner in Syria has given unconditional permission to members of the Palestinian High Committee to enter Syria in order, personally to confer with the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem at Beirut.—Trans-Ocean.

Blaze On Line Extinguished

LONDON, Jan. 10. THE fire aboard the New Zealand Shipping Company's liner, Rimutaka, which broke out yesterday while the vessel was midway between Australia and New Zealand, is now completely under control, according to the latest wireless messages from the vessel, which is proceeding to Auckland.—Reuter.

Man Runs Amok And Kills Four

COLOMBO, Jan. 10. THE police are combing the jungle in Central Colombo for a gunman who ran amok and shot dead four people, and wounded another.

He is known still to have hundreds of cartridges.

Panic-stricken people in the villages are remaining in their homes behind barricaded doors.

The man ran amok after a quarrel with his partner in a gambling den. He shot his partner dead during a meal, and then rushed into the street, shot four others, and escaped to the jungle.—Reuter.

London 'Phones Newfoundland

London, Jan. 10. A radio-telephone service between the United Kingdom and Newfoundland was inaugurated to-day. The service is afforded by an interconnection of the new Newfoundland-Montreal link, and the existing London-Montreal link.

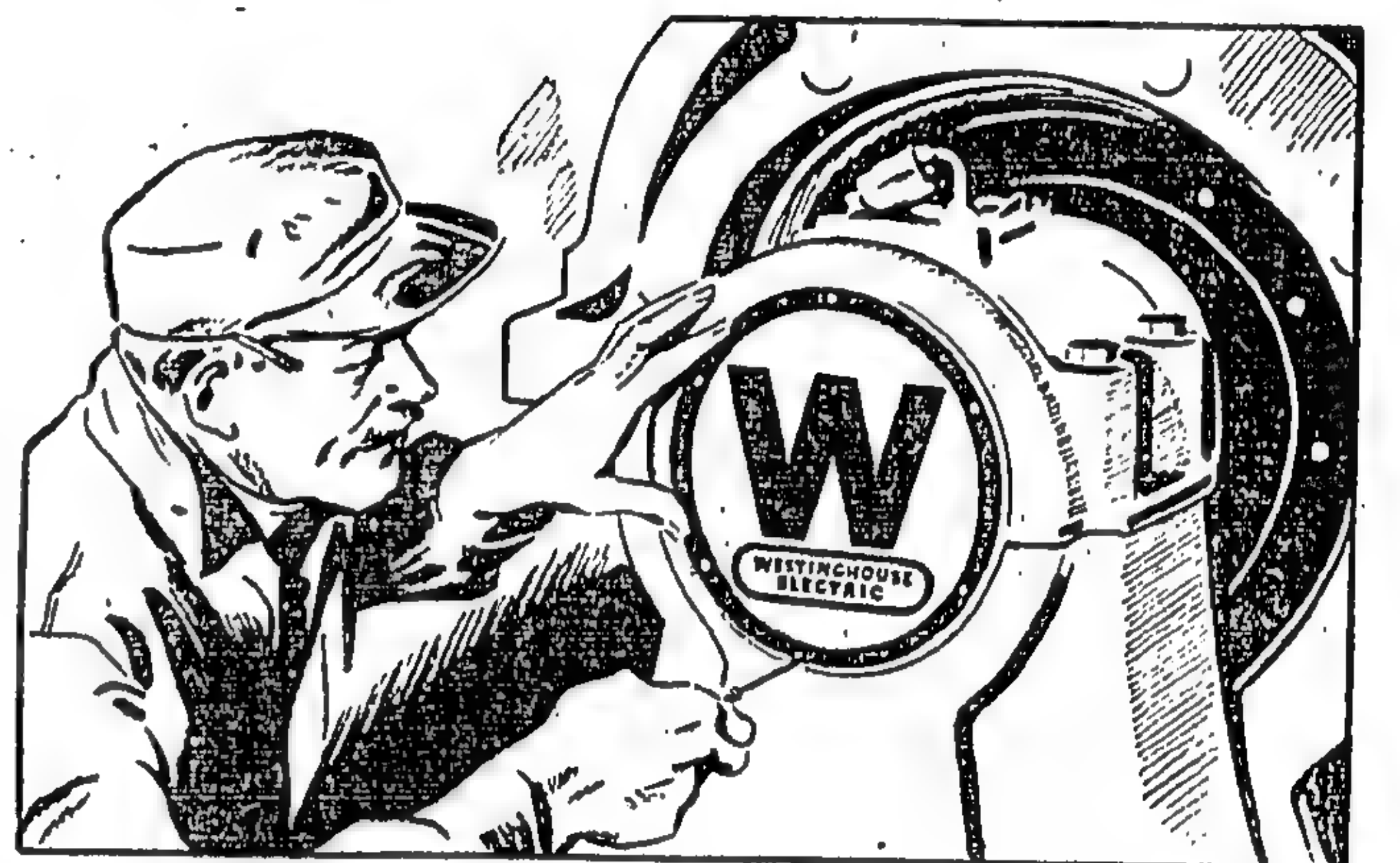
Before the addition of this new overseas service, telephone subscribers in Great Britain were already able to speak to about 95 per cent. of telephone subscribers in the world.—British Wireless.

CHINESE MAGISTRATE IS COMMEMORATED

Chungking, Jan. 11. The Executive Yuan decided at a meeting held here yesterday to issue an order commending the loyalty of the late Mr. Li Chih-ling, magistrate of Lishatin in Shantung, who was killed while leading the police and peace preservation corps to fight against the Japanese recently. A pension of \$5,000 will be given to his family.—Central News.

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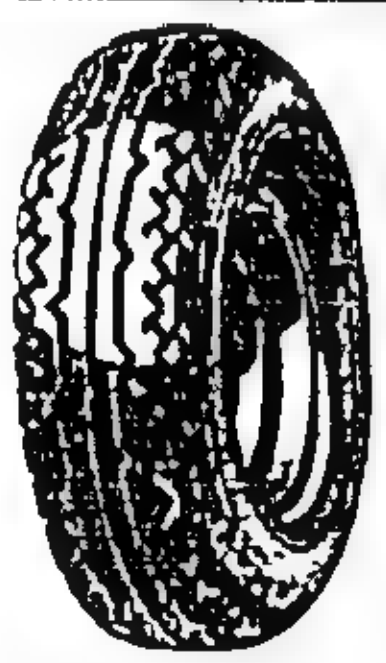
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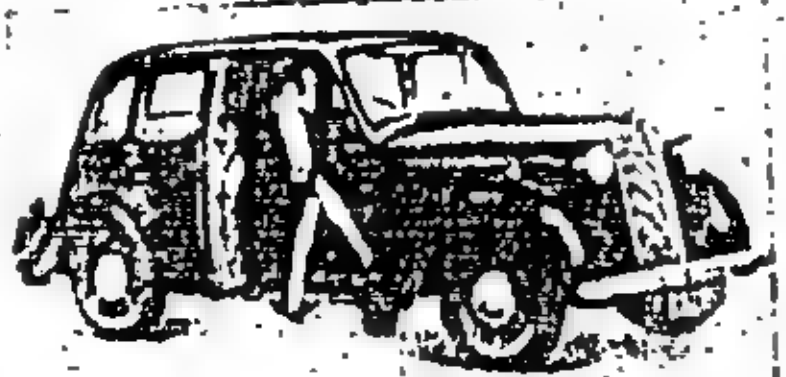
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The Earth is Getting late ... Days are longer ... Sun-spots are upsetting Radio ...

It may be The Driest Period for Years

OBSERVATIONS made at Greenwich have shown that the Moon is departing from its calculated course. At the present time it is farther from its position, according to the theory of gravitation, than it has been at any time since 1680.

The blame for this apparently erratic behaviour is to be put on our own Earth.

The Earth provides us with our standard of time: the day. If the length of the day changes because the Earth does not turn round on its axis at a constant rate, the Moon will be in a slightly different place in the heavens from that in which we expect to find it.

Other bodies, such as the Sun, Mercury or Venus are also found to be in positions that are slightly different from their calculated ones, but as the motions of these bodies in the sky are slower than that of the Moon their errors are not so great.

Friction of Tides

THE astronomer can use either the Earth, the Moon, the Sun, Mercury or Venus, as a clock; and the last four of these agree in showing that the Earth is a bad timekeeper.

It is easy to see why the day should gradually get longer. The friction of tidal waters on the beds of the oceans acts as a brake on the rotation of the Earth and gradually slows it down.

This process will go on for millions of years, until at length the Earth will always turn the same face to the Moon, just as the Moon already always turns the same face to the Earth. The day will then be equal to 47 of our present days.

But this gradual lengthening of the day is not uniform: sometimes it is accelerated, sometimes retarded. The cause of these variations is perhaps due to a slight expansion or contraction of the Earth as a whole. An oscillation of the surface by one or two feet above and below its mean value would be sufficient to account for them.

One Second a Year

THE most rapid change in the length of the day occurred between 1863 and 1875, and amounted to one three-hundredth part of a second a day, giving an accumulated error in the course of a year of more than one second.

The best astronomical clocks yet made are almost good enough to check this error. A new form of clock, however, in which the time is registered by the vibrations of a crystal of quartz, is being made for the Greenwich Observatory, and this should be reliable to the one-thousandth part of a second per day. It may prove to be a better time-keeper than the Earth.

The length of the day can change with considerable suddenness. The quickest changes have occurred about 1790, 1896, and 1917. These were only found by astronomical observations. Perhaps the next sudden change will be revealed by our clocks.

At the present time sun-spots and other disturbances on the sun are rapidly becoming more frequent. It has been suggested that the abnormal weather of

the past 18 months may be a result of this.

Last year was the driest year in Hongkong for 40 years.

Though it seems that sun-spots do have some effects on the weather—as indicated, for instance, by the variations in the widths of the annual rings of trees [shown in cross sections

of the trunks] appearing to coincide with the number of sun-spots—those effects are largely concealed by the many other complicated factors that continue to make the weather.

It is not fair to blame sun-spots for our dry weather. But those organisations concerned with wireless communication can justly blame the sun for some of the troubles that they are experiencing.

They may be receiving short wave wireless messages quite normally when, within a few seconds, the messages will fade away entirely.

It has been established recently that these fading synchronise exactly with intensely hot eruptions on the sun. Such eruptions usually occur in the neighbourhood of sun-spots and are frequent when the spots are numerous and rare when they are few.

More Sun-Spots

AS sun-spots will become still more numerous for the next two years, it looks as though there is going to be considerable interruption in the reception of beam wireless messages.

Can we also blame sun-spots for the changes in the course of the Gulf Stream and other ocean currents?

These changes are of great importance to the fishing industry. Herring, haddock, plaice, and sole intensely dislike the warm Gulf Stream water,

which swarms with jelly-fish of all kinds.

Guide to Fishermen

WHEN the Gulf Stream is strong, catches of these fish are poor. The most valuable food-fish prefer the cold stream coming from the North, which is rich in the phosphates that provide nourishment for the animals on which the fish feed.

Not enough is yet known about these changes in the Gulf Stream to say whether or not they are due to sun-spots; they are being studied by the development commission on fishery matters.

It would indeed be fortunate if it could be established that sun-spots do influence these changes, because we can predict with fair accuracy how numerous sun-spots are going to be. It would then become possible also to predict the course of the Gulf Stream and to advise fish-

men where they should fish to obtain good catches.

1819 Over Again?

MANY people are anxious to know whether sun-spots will afford any guide to the weather to be expected this year. There is no astronomer or meteorologist who could predict with any confidence what this year's weather will be.

Hongkong's meteorological records do not go further back than the Seventies. But in England, a hundred years ago, the rainfall in the first five months of the year was double the normal, and one of the driest summers on record followed, with a total rainfall from the middle of May to the end of August of less than 1½ in.

Whether this year in Hongkong will follow a similar course it is impossible to say. No precedent has been established.

Why I Prefer The Man of 40 By A Girl of 20

IN this modern world of outspoken youth, what a welcome antidote and how infinitely refreshing socially is the man of 40.

No young man with all his glittering exploits can achieve the indefinable charm which characterises the older man.

The modern youth, for all our admiration of his enterprise and his vitalising ideas in business, is a noisy

creature, who has uncouth manners and drives a small, uncomfortable car much too fast because he thinks it is clever.

He appears often to be horribly misled by the idea of his own importance, he criticises things of which he has had no experience, and sneers at old age as something Victorian which ought to be put out of life decently.

ALL the young men I know have three topics of conversation—Themselves, their Clubs, and their Cars—and one qualification—they can dance.

The youth of to-day thinks it is amusing to be cynical, especially towards women, in whose presence he likes to show off atrociously. He does not realise his own rudeness, his lack of subtlety, or the emptiness of his words.

You can see him everywhere, at the hotels, at the Club and at parties, hands in pockets, cigarette in mouth, smiling the smile of complete complacency, because he really believes he is the salt of the earth.

The man of 40 is a very different person. He has learned to look on nature not as in the hour of thoughtless youth but with the chastened understanding of experience.

The lesson of his own follies has made him tolerant of other people's weaknesses. He treats women with deference and respect, because he can remember the days when we were really placed on a pedestal. He is courteous and considerate, he knows how to pay compliments.

He is a charming companion because he has long since outgrown talking about himself. He is witty without being vulgar. He can choose a good dinner unostentatiously, and does not bully his inferiors.

He takes an interest in life itself, not merely its pleasures. He is sympathetic, because few men reach the age of 40 without some suffering. Like new wine, youth is harsh and crude to the palate; the older man is mature and mellow. He may have grey hair, be unable to drive a car more than 35 miles an hour, and detect parties, but I feel stimulated and safe with him.

H. L.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Money doesn't mean happiness! Snodgrass, over there, with his two million isn't a bit happier than Fuffleigh with his million."

WAR IN 1939 INEVITABLE

OUTSPOKEN REPORTS BY AMBASSADORS

WASHINGTON, JAN. 10. ACCORDING TO THE CONSIDERED OPINION OF AMERICAN DIPLOMATS, A GENERAL EUROPEAN WAR BEFORE THE COMING SUMMER AT PRESENT APPEARS INEVITABLE, SAYS A "UNITED PRESS" MESSAGE.

The report says that Mr. William C. Bullitt, Ambassador to France, and Mr. Joseph Kennedy, Ambassador to London, have informed the Congressional Committee for Military Affairs that the outbreak of a general European war before the summer at present appeared inevitable.

Insurgents Claim New Catalan Successes

SARAGOSSA, Jan. 10.

WITH THE CAPTURE of the town of Tarrega today, the Insurgent troops have achieved another important success on the Catalan front, according to "Trans-Ocean."

Early this morning, General Mazarredo's army continued its advance along the Llerida-Tarrega road and occupied the villages of Bellpuig and Villa Grasa.

The Maestrazgo army, under General Garcia Valino, who was operating in the north, advanced simultaneously along the Artesa de Segre and Tarrega roads.

The latter town, which was the key position of the Loyalist defence lines, was thus menaced alike from the west and north.

TARREGA ENCIRCLED

After a short but severe struggle, the columns advancing from the north occupied the airport of Tarrega and the village of Clara Valls. They then joined hands with General Mazarredo's forces, which were coming from the west, so that Tarrega was completely encircled.

Despite the embittered resistance by the garrison, the town was captured in the early hours of this afternoon as being in the possession of the Insurgents, although a few isolated groups of Loyalists were still holding out and were continuing fighting.

IMPORTANT JUNCTION

Tarrega is particularly important owing to its situation which is at the junction of the roads from Llerida to Barcelona and from Montblanc to Artesa de Segre.

On the southern wing of the Catalan front, the troops of the Navarre army are now directly before Montblanc. They have occupied the heights of San Jose to the south and west of the town and cut off the road to Tarrega in the north.

The only road now open to the Loyalists is the one leading to Tarragona. Since this morning, the insurgent artillery has been bombarding the town and it is expected that the Insurgents will storm the latter in the course of this evening.—Trans-Ocean.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

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English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 9.

CONTINENTAL

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It is reported that the ambassadors gave pictures of France unwilling to proceed any further with the appeasement policy. They predict that, despite the current British doctrine of "peace at any price," it appeared probable that Britain would be drawn into war as a natural ally of France.

Questioned at length, the ambassadors are reported to have answered frankly, but they refrained from mentioning American policy, except to express the belief that the United States would not be drawn into the conflict immediately.

Nazis Strong Position

It is reported that they stressed Germany's strong position in armaments, particularly aeroplanes, which they attributed to the copying and perfecting of American mass-production methods.

Meanwhile, according to reports, they asserted that Britain and France had lagged in re-armament, which was the chief factor of Britain's conciliatory attitude.

However, the ambassadors represented that France was no longer willing to back down before totalitarian demands, despite apparent inferiority in armaments.

ONLY A MATTER OF MONTHS

Mr. Kennedy is reported to have said that Britain's appeasement policy was so deep-rooted, that she would permit Hitler to build an air base in Canada, rather than go to war.

On the other hand, Mr. Bullitt is reported to have represented France as being absolutely opposed to meeting any territorial and colonial demands possibly advanced by Germany and Italy. It was explained that the adamant attitude of the French was largely due to the knowledge that in the event of war, Britain had no alternative to the military alliance with France, and that Russia would also join the democracies against the totalitarians.

Thus France is not expected to meet Italy's demand for French possessions, which would possibly precipitate a crisis, unless Mussolini "about faces," or accepts French terms for participation in the Suez Canal operations.

INTENSIFY CRISIS

The informant said that the ambassadors apparently considered post-ponement of hostilities but temporary expedients which serve only to intensify the ultimate crisis.

Mr. Kennedy is reported to have described the general attitude of the British population as "Defeatist" and that British youth accepted the belief that war was only a matter of months.—United Press.

"WORLD WAR IN THE SPRING"—KENNEDY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10. "A WORLD WAR may start in the spring," Ambassador Joseph Kennedy is reported to have told the Joint Military Affairs Committee of both Houses today, when reporting on the European situation, according to a member of the committee.

Mr. Bullitt, the Ambassador to France, is said to have concurred with the view.

Mr. Kennedy was quoted as predicting that war might break out as a result of a German invasion of the Ukraine. It Italy should attempt to seize Tunis.

Mr. Kennedy is said to have submitted to the committee data with regard to German air strength compiled by Colonel Lindbergh, which reputedly credits Germany with a first-line strength of 10,000 planes, and an output of 1,200 planes a month.

Mr. Kennedy is quoted as saying: "The lesson of all this is preparedness."—Reuter.

"CRISIS OF FIRST MAGNITUDE"

Washington, Jan. 10. Appearing at a joint private sitting of the Military Affairs Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate today, the United States Ambassadors to Britain and France gave first-hand accounts of the European situation.

One congressman who was present said afterwards that the two Ambassadors "outlined European affairs step by step from the time of the Munich conference, and showed the trend of affairs."

He added: "It certainly was a dismal picture for peace."

Another committee member said that both Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Bullitt dealt partly with the British and French policies, and the chances

the two nations had of "appeasing" Mussolini and Hitler. He said: "They appeared none too hopeful over the prospects."

UTTERLY CHAOTIC

The two diplomats were before the Committee almost two hours, and it is reliably stated that they made no recommendations for increasing American defence forces, but confined themselves to painting a picture of the "utterly chaotic" conditions in Europe.

Senator Reynolds, who was one of those present, created a stir at the end of the meeting by announcing that he would shortly make a speech in the Senate disclosing everything that had been said at to-day's secret session.

There are indications that his colleagues will try to dissuade him.

LINDBERGH REPORT

Committee members revealed that there was some discussion on a report said to have been made by Colonel Lindbergh on Germany's air strength. It was stated that the ambassadors represented Germany as being glad that the report was made, but it is explained, that Colonel Lindbergh's information largely confirmed that already obtained by military observers.

All the members left the meeting with long faces, and several did not disguise the serious situation which the ambassadors revealed.

BRITISH, FRENCH CRISIS

One member declared: "The British Empire and France are both facing a crisis of the first magnitude." If the hearing was designed, as many here suppose, to facilitate President Roosevelt's re-armament programme, it seems at first sight, to have been singularly successful.—Reuter.

FRENCH CABINET MEETS

PARIS, Jan. 10. THE FRENCH CABINET met this morning to discuss foreign political questions, in addition to drafting an agenda for the parliamentary session beginning in the afternoon.

The Prime Minister reported on his journey to Corsica, Tunis, and Algeria, and the Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet explained the general foreign political situation in connection with the imminent Anglo-Italian conference in Rome.

The Cabinet formulated a memorandum to be submitted to the British Ministers on Tuesday night at the Quai D'Orsay, outlining the reasons why France declines British mediation concerning the Italian claims in the Mediterranean and the Red Sea.—Trans-Ocean.

CRUCIAL PHASE

London, Jan. 10. Mr. Neville Chamberlain's policy of appeasement with the dictators, in an effort to dissolve the dangers of a European war, entered a crucial phase today as he left for Rome on a visit to Signor Mussolini.

Mr. Chamberlain's visit is the fourth he has made to the dictators during the past three months.

If Mr. Chamberlain finds Mussolini obdurate upon the question of continued intervention in the Spanish civil war, and on giving effect to the friendship agreement with Britain, it is a foregone conclusion that his policy to the dictators will stiffen.

Since the Munich agreement, at which Czechoslovakia was dissolved, Mr. Chamberlain has gradually—already in the past month—lost patience because of the dictators' lack of response to his appeasement policy. In public speeches and private conversations he has pretty clearly shown that he thinks it is now the dictators' turn



KING CAROL

Assassins' Bomb For King Carol

Premature Explosion Uncerths Plot

LONDON, Jan. 10. THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT of the "Daily Telegraph & Morning Post" states that reports reaching London leave no doubt that a plot against the life of King Carol has been frustrated during the past 48 hours.

The Iron Guards, Rumania's Fascist organisation, are believed to have been responsible for the plot.

The plot was brought to light by the premature explosion of a bomb, which led to the discovery of the assassins.

Wholesale arrests have been made and the Government is adopting drastic measures against the Fascist organisation.

The plot is believed to have been hatched in retaliation for the recent killing of Corneliu Codreanu, the terrorist anti-Semitic Fascist leader of the Iron Guard. The Iron Guard organisation, which has been suppressed by order of King Carol, boasted 1,500,000 followers in Rumania.

Italian Kidnapped Near Ming Tombs

Peking, Jan. 10.

An Italian, Signor Frank Politti, postal commissioner for the Peking area, with a Russian lady and three Chinese servants, have been kidnapped near the Ming Tombs.

The kidnappers released one servant with the demand for \$50,000 ransom. The affair occurred 25 miles from Peking, within a stone's throw of the Japanese garrison post.—Reuter.

Von Ribbentrop For Warsaw

Berlin, Jan. 10.

It is learned in well-informed quarters that Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, will pay a visit to Warsaw in response to an invitation given by Colonel Josef Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister, during his stay at Berchtesgaden last week.

Herr von Ribbentrop's visit will take place after the visit of Count Ciano to Warsaw.—Reuter.

to make some contribution to lasting peace.

Observers believe that if this is not soon forthcoming from both Hitler and Mussolini, Mr. Chamberlain will be impelled to give up his policy which led to the resignation of Mr. Anthony Eden as Foreign Secretary, and to world-wide criticism of the Munich agreement.

Thus the Chamberlain-Mussolini talks may mark a turning point in European political tension.—United Press.

FRENCH VIEWPOINT

Paris, Jan. 10. The fact that M. Bonnet recently sent a note to the French Ambassador in London for the information of the British Government defining the French Government's attitude in a complete and precise manner, the viewpoint with regard to Italian claims, was disclosed following the Cabinet meeting today.

It was stated that after M. Bonnet had read the note, the Cabinet unanimously approved of the firm position taken up.—Reuter.

SECRET DASH TO ROME

ROME, Jan. 10.

A PERSONAL MESSAGE from General Franco has been brought to Signor Mussolini by a special insurgent envoy.—Reuter.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

In consequence of the greater range and power of modern artillery and the formation of infantry for the attack has lately been issued by the British War Office. Troops allotted for the attack will, when of sufficient strength, be divided into first, second and third lines. "The first line, subdivided into firing line, support and reserves, engages the enemy, and is intended eventually to establish itself within charging distance of his position. The duties of the firing line are to keep up a well-directed fire upon the enemy from the moment such fire becomes effective; to push forward as near his position as possible; and thence to deliver such a heavy fire as will enable the second line to approach the point selected for attack and drive him from it."

Col. Slade, Vice-President of the Small Arms Committee, says that, for the defence, "if the men be steady they might well be opened at 2,200 yards."

One of the first persons to profit by the telephone which now connects Paris with Marseilles was the King of Portugal, who, as soon as he landed in France, placed himself in telephonic communication with his wife, who was then making a stay in Paris. Though the line is 650 miles long—by much the longest so far constructed—it works in all respects as satisfactorily as any of the shorter lines already in existence.

Dr. Conan Doyle, whoever he may be, has published an elaborate calculation showing that one out of every 22,000 Scotchmen, one of 31,000 Englishmen, and one of 40,000 Irishmen rises to distinction. Elaborate calculation of this kind are very rarely to be relied on.

TO LET.—At the Penk "La Hacienda," formerly occupied by Sir George Philip. Apply to H. N. Mody, Victoria Buildings.

25 YEARS AGO

The greatest sale of property ever effected has been announced in London. Mr. Malaby-Deeley, Unionist M.P. for the Harrow Division of Middlesex, has purchased the whole of the Duke of Bedford's Covent Garden estate, which includes Drury Lane Theatre, the Royal Opera House, the Waldorf Hotel, the Aldwych Theatre, the Strand Theatre, Bow-street Police Court, several Printing Offices, Covent Garden Market.

Hobble skirts and high heels continue to be responsible for an increasingly large number of injuries sustained by women while getting on and off trains and mounting and descending stairways in stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd., was held at the Hotel at 11 a.m. today, for the purpose of taking a poll on a following resolution which was submitted to a meeting of shareholders held on October 26, 1919, and then declared lost.

Mr. J. Scott Harston presided, and there were also present:—Dr. J. W. Noble, Mr. J. C. Bonar, Mr. P. Maitland (directors), Messrs. J. Walker, E. J. Glat, M. D. Silas, E. E. Ellis, M. Mackay, C. S. Ellis, G. Galluzzi, E. Goetz, G. T. Lloyd, F. McGinnis, Shee-Po-shan, J. Gould, Lai Chian, shareholders, and J. H. Taggart, acting secretary.

10 YEARS AGO

America's first international air line, linking five countries, including British West Indies, with the United States, was inaugurated with the departure of four mail passenger aeroplanes for Cuba, San Domingo, the Bahamas and Porto Rico.

The following will represent the Kowloon C.C. in a first division match against the Navy on the Navy ground on Saturday:—R. Goodwin (Capt.), W. Brice, N. H. Ross, A. W. Ramsay, S. Jex, E. C. Fincher, E. P. Fincher, R. E. H. Oliver, F. E. Lawrence, J. J. Hirst and G. A. V. Hall.

The Kowloon C.C. second team to play the Police in a League match on Saturday at 2 p.m. on the R.C.C. ground will be as follows:—R. E. Hirst (Capt.), H. Overy, B. Petheram, G. Lee, N. H. Mackay, A. R. F. Raven, F. S. W. Smith, O. H. Raven and W. M. Gittins. Reserve, A. E. Silskotte.

5 YEARS AGO

Nazi headquarters have thought it desirable to issue a statement concerning the execution of Van der Lubbe, convicted by the Leipzig Supreme Court for setting fire to the Reichstag building.

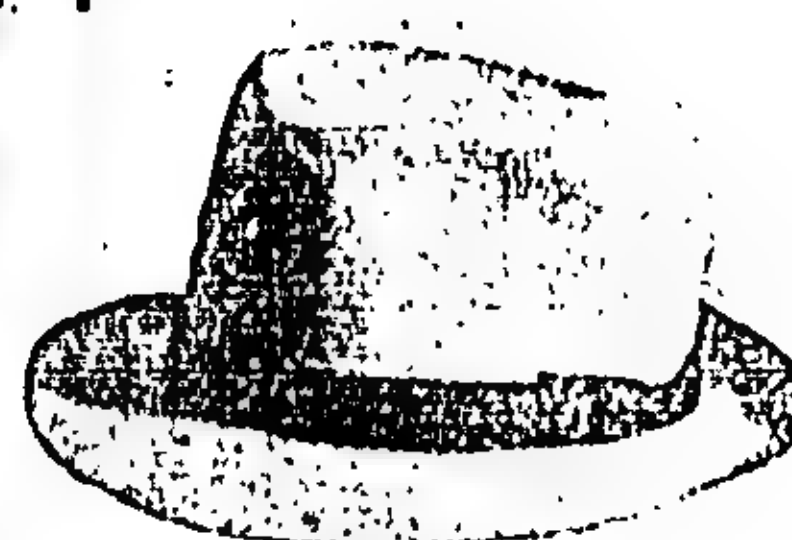
Apparently the use of the guillotine has caused some criticism on the score that he died a more pleasant death than circumstances warranted.

Van der Lubbe's deputation should not be interpreted as a milder form of execution than hanging, states the Nazi communiqué, which adds that the official decision ordering him to be guillotined instead of hanged was based upon the consideration that hanging is an ignominious penalty reserved for traitors and such like, and Van der Lubbe committed his crime out of political conviction.

The subscription list to the fourth 1938 four and a half per cent. loan of the German Reich closed on January 9.

The full amount of the loan, namely 1,500,000,000 reichsmarks, taken over by the Loan Consortium, and offered for subscription, was applied for.—Trans-Ocean.

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How Eric Boon Knocked Out D. Crowley: Unexpected End Eleventh Round Punch Swings The Balance

By Harold Lewis

London, Dec. 16.

Hundreds of people rushed the ring at Harringay last night, and at least 50 succeeded in fighting their way over Press tables and through the ropes when Eric Boon, 18-year-old blacksmith of Chatteris, Cambridgeshire, won the British lightweight championship by knocking out Dave Crowley, of Clerkenwell, in the 11th round.

Supporters of Boon had come from all parts of the Fen country, and the thrilling climax caused one of the most fervid scenes of excitement and delirious joy seen at a fight for years.

Boon's triumph was both brilliant and, until late in the 11th round, entirely unexpected. He was being steadily and confidently outpointed by his experienced and crafty opponent until a single punch in the 11th round caused a violent swing in the fight.

That punch was a tremendously powerful right hook to the stomach, planted as Boon slipped a left lead and came back with the full force of the shoulder turned into the blow. Crowley, who had been boxing with a speed and mastery which suggested that he could have gone on for twenty-five rounds if he had been allowed to, collapsed to the floor. The pain expressed in his face showed clearly that he was badly hurt. Crowley rose after seven seconds, and Boon had the good sense and coolness to fight relentlessly to repeat that punch. He succeeded in landing several more heavy, hard punches before the round was over.

CROWLEY DEFENDS COOLLY

Crowley, however, defended coolly. His weak spot had been exposed—the only time he had ever been knocked out in nine years of boxing was in exactly the same way—but he masked his trouble, and in the twelfth round, when Boon's inexperience led him into some wild swinging for the head, Crowley gradually settled down and started to steal punches again.

For Boon, with only three rounds to go, this was a moment for desperate action. In the 13th round he again whipped in some heavy body punches, and then, with Crowley keeping his guard down, Boon slashed him with right and left to the jaw.

It took Crowley eight seconds to get up, and then, after a few more punches, as Crowley was falling into the ropes, Boon turned swiftly and chopped him to the jaw with a clean and crisp right-hand punch as one would ever wish to see.

That punch finished the fight. It was delivered at great speed on a difficult target—the sort of punch which Carpenter made famous when he knocked out George Cook.

LIMBS PARALYSED

Crowley recovered consciousness well within the 10 seconds. But his limbs were paralysed. He was unable to move and had to be carried to his corner.

Then the pandemonium started. Apparently Boon had several thousand friends in the hall, and they all wanted badly to shake him by the hand.

One must give Boon every credit for this victory, isolated though the real turning point was. Within a minute of the start of the fight, as the two men rushed at each other, Crowley's head came into collision with Boon's face, and a swelling appeared at once, high up on the cheek-bone, below the left eye.

It was a pure accident, of course, but a most unlucky one for Boon. It meant that he had to defend that swelling, have it pinched and massaged during the intervals, and that

his vision must become more and more hazy.

CROWLEY FORGES AHEAD

Still, I thought Boon won the first two rounds, just lost the third, and shared the next two. After that Crowley began to forge ahead.

Crowley, having started by boxing in the most compact style, with guard held very close, ducking, weaving and forcing a battle at close quarters, gradually opened out. He took no risk whatever, but evidently planned to win by steadily outpointing his opponent.

There was little power in his blows, but he kept darting in with a left to the face, sometimes landing this blow four or five times in succession without reply.

Occasionally Boon was able to land a solid punch. He was also made to miss badly, as his rather frantic swings passed over the head of Crowley by six or nine inches.

In the fifth, Boon caught Crowley with a heavy punch, a fraction too high on the jaw. People cheered; Crowley grinned perkily. It was perilously close to a knockout punch.

KNOCK-OUT ONLY HOPE

But that incessant peppering from Crowley's left increased in the same proportion as did Boon's badly timed swings, and it became obvious that nothing short of a knock-out would be of any use to Boon.

Something happened in the ninth round which should have warned Crowley. Boon was learning during the fight, trying every sort of punch he knew to penetrate the close guard of the champion.

In this round, picking the right moment as Crowley dashed in, Boon tried a counter to the body. He achieved this most difficult but damaging punch admirably, and one could see that he thereupon began to concentrate upon it.

In the 11th round, as Crowley picked up his guard again, everything he had into the counter. It won him the fight.

BOON'S PUNCH POWER

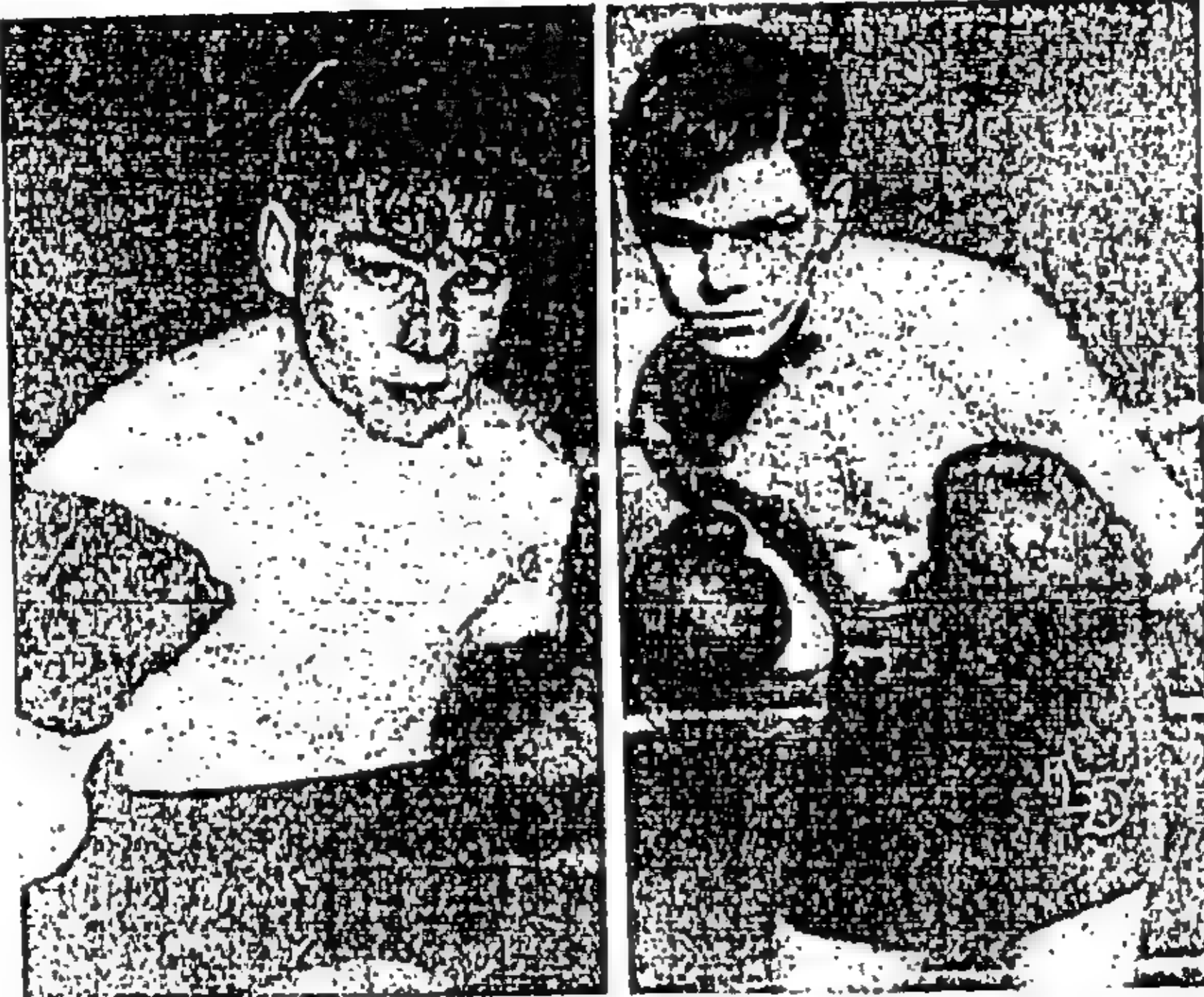
Boon will be 19 on Dec. 30. He is very young to achieve such eminence in boxing, but for six months he has been an outstanding lightweight. Strongly built, he boxes well, is very fast and hits with as much force as most men a stone heavier.

It has been a short championship reign for Crowley, and this little sportsman deserves some sympathy amid the admiration for his conqueror. Crowley took nine years to achieve his ambition, held the title for less than six months, accepted the first challenger and lost the title to him. A very clever little boxer, Crowley has never had a damaging punch.

Mr. C. B. Thomas, of Wales, was the referee, and the weights were: Crowley, 12½lb; Boon, 12½lb.

Johnny McGrory, the former feather-weight champion, was beaten on points over eight rounds in a return fight with Jack Carrick of Hull. McGrory boxed below his usual form and, I thought, without confidence.

He seemed rather depressed by the tactics of Carrick, who rushed at him with the wildest of swings throughout the first two rounds, landing scarcely a blow, McGrory as he



Eric Boon Arthur Danahar
A fight between them is inevitable.

Here And There With "Abe"

Two Young Boxers To Be Brought Together Soon

WITH such a shortage of really promising material in the British boxing world, it was inevitable that two such promising youngsters and sure-drawings cards as Eric Boon and Arthur Danahar would be brought together sooner or later. There are those who feel that for the sake of British boxing, they should be kept away from each other for at least another year. But since Eric Boon knocked out Dave Crowley to win the British lightweight championship, the clamour for a meeting of the two youngsters has become even louder, and it is probably for the sake of the public, that the two have been matched. They will meet at Harringay on February 23 and Boon's title will be at stake. Len Harvey, the British heavyweight champion, and one of the most astute figures in the British ring, recently declared: "If I were managing either boy, I should steer him clear of the other for another year at any rate. If these two boys were to meet tomorrow, there would be a fireworks display and no mistake. But the loser would probably be lost to the game and the winner would have all the fight knocked out of him. We are too short of material to sacrifice it in this manner, and I suggest they go their own way for a bit." Notwithstanding this advice, the two youngsters have been matched—for better or worse only the future will reveal.

Attempt Failed

IN November, Mr. Sydney Hulls caused a sensation when he announced that he was signing them up on behalf of a wealthy patron to fight at a private party he was giving. The purse money was declared to be £1,250, to be shared equally between the contestants. When Boon was informed of the arrangement by his manager, Jack Solomons, he said, used to box—as he did when he last met Carrick—would have given him a smart lesson in the penalties for wild swinging.

OTHER RESULTS

FEATHER (8 rounds): Len Beynon (Swansea) and Billy Walker (Stratford) drew. WELTER (8 rounds): Norman Snow (Northampton) outpointed Harry Crater (Middleborough).

But in the third round one of these swings found its mark. McGrory took three counts in this round, and although he avoided the worst of the trouble afterwards, he never looked like winning.

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"I would fight him in his back garden providing it was at 9st. 9lb." Arrangements fell through when the B.B.B.C. announced: "Boon and Danahar are licensed boxers and only fight on premises licensed for boxing. The promoter, too, has a licence which allocates the premises on which he may arrange fights. If Mr. Hulls wants to promote a fight elsewhere he will have to apply to the board for special permission." Most boxing enthusiasts were against the two lads meeting in private, holding that the public, which had followed the careers of both the boxers, should not be barred from seeing the fight.

Eric Boon's Career

KNOWN as "Sonny" to his friends and to the 5,000 inhabitants of his native Cambridgeshire village of Chatteris, blue-eyed, ruddy complexioned Boon has been fighting for six years. At the age of 12 he was beating boys much older than himself. Before he was 16, he had fought 40 times and won mostly on knock-outs. Until last year he continued working in his father's forge, whence he reckons he got his powerful punch. The crowning achievement of his career, of course, was his victory over Dave Crowley last month in a lightweight championship bout. He was being led on points when his powerful punch came out once again and knocked out Crowley.

Danahar's Career

A dark-haired, grim-looking cockney from East London's Bethnal Green attracted the eye early last year of John Hardill, National Sporting Club secretary. Son of a professional fast-singer of early post-war years, Arthur Danahar had a normal urchin's elementary school upbringing. When he was 17 he started as a lightweight under the amateur code. Young Danahar quickly won the Amateur Lightweight title of Great Britain, and last February was taken up by the N.S.C. Father Danahar applied to the British Boxing Board of Control for a second licence, but the Board was slow in replying, and he watched his son's first few money-making efforts from a seat in the Press row at Earls Court Stadium. Arthur's first big professional performance was to stop Boyo Rees in March. Since then he has gone on undefeated. Last November he took only one round to best tough Welshman Douglas Keirrell, who stopped 300 fights. Apart from the fact that he has an attribute rare in Englishmen to-day—a wallop—Arthur

FAIRER CONDITIONS FOR RYDER CUP GOLF NOW ARRANGED

London, Dec. 10.

Here is great golf news. An agreement has been reached between our Professional Golfers' Association and their opposite number in America that in future the Ryder Cup tournament, staged every two years, shall be played in time and place to the choice of the visiting team, so far as this can be arranged.

As a start, when our men go across in 1939 to play in the United States, they will probably play in October or November, in either Florida or California.

This will be greeted with cheers from former players, for some British Ryder Cup men can recall having to play this match in mid-summer south of the Mason-Dixon line, when Negroes were dying of the heat, spectators at the match fainted, and our men played against medical advice and under the watchful eye of doctors. That, obviously, was not golf.

A REAL TEST

Similarly, the Americans have complained over here that they have been forced to play in a gale and blinding rain, to which they are not accustomed. Each side undoubtedly had a grievance, and the desire to make this great annual match a real test of golf is all to the good.

Next year's arrangement means a good deal more to our men. It means that they will have the chance after the Ryder Cup match of playing on the winter circuit of tournaments, which offers about £10,000 in prize money.

So now, please, no more grouching from beaten players; and no more irritating slanging matches by teams on their return home. The last packet was getting serious.

TWO GAMES PLAYED IN F.A. CUP

London, Jan. 10.

Two of the postponed matches in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup were decided to-day, the results being as follows:

Southport	1	Doncaster	1
Grimsby	6	Tranmere	0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST DIVISION)

Clyde	3	St. Johnstone	1
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—Reuter.

feels the time has now come for him to step on the gas a bit.

He went twice as quickly as Edrich at the beginning of the innings at tea time, giving the bat plenty of back lift and not checking the follow-through in his drives. Perhaps he feels now established in top-class cricket and sure of himself.

Germany Files Entry For Davis Cup

Berlin, Jan. 10.

Germany has filed her entry for the Davis Cup Competition in 1939, according to a statement issued here to-day.

The German Davis Cup team will this time consist of Henner Henkel, captain, the South German Roderich Menzel (who played for Czechoslovakia in former years), George von Metaxa, and Hans Redl.

The Berlin player, Rolf Coopefert, will act as emergency man.—Trans-Ocean.

Hockey

'VARSITY BEATEN IN TOURNEY

An interesting encounter was witnessed on Monday when the R.A.O.C. met the University on the latter's ground in the Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament, and after a hard match the Ordinance managed to take both points when L/Sgt. Lang netted the only goal of the match late in the second half.

The Ordinance were well served by Cpt. Tracey at inside left, Sgt. Evans and Sgt. Drake at half back, and Pte. Locke was the best back on view.

The first half was very even but the Ordinance assumed superiority in the second stanza and the University keeper was very busy. The Ordinance were unlucky not to take the lead when a fine shot by Cpt. Tracey went only inches wide of the post with the keeper well beaten.

A few minutes later the Ordinance went ahead when Sgt. Lang, receiving a pass from Cpt. Tracey, scored with a well-placed shot.

The University rallied and attacked hotly but the Ordinance defence held out.

Danahar at 10 is exceptionally detached when in the ring. For a fighter of his scant experience, he moves very fast. When he weighed in at 9st. 12½lb. for his bout with Keirrell rumours spread that he had difficulty in making the lightweight limit. Protested Danahar: "I can do 9st. 9lb. whenever I like. When I won my amateur title I weighed 9st. 9lb. Yet three days later I scaled 10st. 9lb. I intend fighting for the lightweight title, and all I have to do is watch my diet." Well, here's his chance.

Soccer Interport

ALTHOUGH Manila has not yet given a definite reply to Hongkong's invitation, it is almost certain that a team from the Philippines will be up here during the Chinese New Year holidays for a series of matches. The officials of the Hongkong Football Association are working on this assumption, and have already arranged for the Manila team to play three matches in the Colony. History will be made when the visitors play a representative Hongkong side, for never before have the two ports met at soccer, though several Colony teams—not representative—have paid visits to Manila in the past at the invitation of the P.A.A.F. The first meeting may well prove the first link in a chain possessing a future as historic as the Hongkong-Shanghai series. Soccer has made great strides in the Philippines in the last decade, and therefore the keenness of the Filipinos to pit their skill against other Far Eastern ports was only to be expected. While not as scientific perhaps as the Chinese, they have easily adapted themselves to the game and are very speedy. Their matches in the Colony are certain to be interesting.



The all-star forward line which has carried Derby County to the top of the table in the First Division of the English Football League—(left to right) S. Crooks, Dai Astley, Dave McCulloch, Ronnie Dix and D. Duncan. Derby, however, were beaten at home in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup on Saturday.

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INTRICATE BUT UNPROGRESSIVE SOCCER

Scots Did More With One Kick Than Hungary With Five

Says Charles Buchan

Scotland 3 Hungary 1

London, Dec. 8. Despite the loss of Black, their inside-left, Scotland had little difficulty in disposing of the challenge of Hungary. In fact, it would probably have been a better game if Scotland had started with ten men.

When Black left the field Scotland held a winning lead of three goals. The Hungarians, against the depleted opposition, never suggested to me or to many of the 23,000 spectators that they would pull the game out of the fire.

They gave what I call a "pretty" exhibition. Though the muddy ground, little short of a quagmire, did not suit their style, they passed accurately, took up good position and occasionally combined cleverly. But there their virtues ended.

When they approached the Scottish goal the forwards wanted the ball exactly right at their feet before they attempted to shoot. They made chances only to squander them because they could not hit a moving

ball. Before they brought it under control the Scottish defenders smothered their efforts.

NOT SCOTLAND'S BEST

It was the same in midfield. The Hungarians used the ball discreetly, but they took too long about it. By the time they had finished a movement, quite pleasing to watch, the Scottish defenders were at their post ready for the final onslaught.

The Hungarians played what I call mechanical football. I could usually tell where they would place the ball long before the pass was made.

On one occasion the ball went from the right to the left of the field, all five forwards touching it, but not a yard of ground had been made. Another time Tildes and Cseh interchanged passes five times, yet they finished in the same place! The Scots were more effective with one kick than the Hungarians were with five.

And Scotland were not a good side. The selectors will have to put on their thinking caps before they select the team to meet England at Hampden Park next April.

I doubt whether six of the players will retain their positions. There was little wrong with the defence, though I have seen Beattie, the Preston back, more assertive.

MEADYEN A SUCCESS

Shankly took the honours in a moderate Scottish half-back line. He infused a lot of energy into his play and used the ball discreetly. Symon was terribly slow, and Baxter rather easily beaten by the clever moves of

Doctor Sarosi, the Hungarian centre-forward, who usually took the ball and Baxter out to the flanks before delivering a through pass to Cseh. He succeeded with the move several times, but Cseh had not a shot, never mind a goal.

In his locker Meadyen, the substitute for Delaney, carried off the honours. He was fast, beat his man with consummate ease, and placed his centres well—an international for some time to come unless I am greatly mistaken.

McCulloch had few chances until the closing minutes. Then he made, marked his chances of further honours by shooting wide twice when he had all the time in the world to place the ball in the net.

THREE "GIFT" GOALS

It was unlucky for the Hungarians to regard that they practically gave away the three goals—the first from a penalty and the others came through goalkeeping errors—for defence was the best part of the team. Scaho partially atoned with many brilliant saves, while the sturdy, impetuous Biro had no superior.

After Walker had failed with a simple chance, Scotland took the lead in the eighteenth minute by means of a penalty. Black was going through when he was brought down unceremoniously and Walker scored from the penalty spot.

BLACK'S INJURY

Then in the space of two minutes came two further blows for the Hungarians. First, Szabo sent a weak clearance to Black, who from 20 yards put the ball quickly into the net before the goalkeeper had got back. Secondly, both Koranyi and Szabo chased a long pass from Symon, only to see the ball strike the full-back and fall at Gillick's feet. The outside-left took the proffered gift.

Though the Hungarians often looked dangerous in the second half, they could only score from a penalty. Beattie was adjudged to have handled a centre from Tildes, and Sarosi beat Dawson from the spot.

Scotland: Dawson (Referee); Anderson (Goalkeeper); Beattie (Preston); Shankly (Preston); Baxter (Middlebrough); Symon (Rangers); McCulloch (Derby); Walker (Preston); Gillick (Everton). Hungary: Szabo; Koranyi; Biro; Polzer; Tildes; Tildes; Cseh; Sarosi; Toldi; Grassy.



Freddie Bartholomew and Gale Sondergaard in "Lord Jeff"

LEADING SOCCER SCORERS

LAWTON STILL IN FRONT

London, Dec. 21. Lawton, of Everton, still leads the goal scorers in the Football League with 19 successful shots. Next are Fenton (Middlebrough) and Clarke (Blackburn) with 17 each.

Division I	
Lawton (Everton)	19
Fenton (Middlebrough)	17
Hodgson (Leeds)	13
Howe (Grimsby)	13
O'Donnell (Aston V.)	11
McCulloch (Derby)	11
Dix (Derby)	10
Mills (Chelsea)	10
Tadman (Charlton)	10
Hunt (Bolton)	9
Newenhuys (Liverpool)	9
Westcott (Wolves)	9
5 for Manchester City	17 for Blackburn

Division II	
Clarke (Blackburn)	17
Cairns (Newcastle)	10
Hunt (Sheffield)	10
Jones (W. Bromwich)	10
Lyon (Chester)	10
Macaulay (W. Ham)	10
Dodds (Sheffield U.)	10
Rooke (Fulham)	11
Harris (Manchester C.)	11
Hullett (Plymouth)	10
Billington (Luton)	10
Clarke (W. Bromwich)	10
Burgin (W. Bromwich)	10
Briggs (Southampton)	10
Walsh (Millwall)	8
Barker (Millwall)	8
Lewis (Bradford)	8

Division III—(South)	
Cheetham (Q.P.R.)	15
Morton (Swinton)	14
Collins (Cardiff)	13
McPhoe (Reading)	11
Haycox (Tottenham)	10
Ray (Aldershot)	10
Dutton (Mansfield)	10
Stephens (Bristol City)	10
Langley (Boscombe)	10
Dawes (A.C.)	10
Smirke (Southend)	10
Lunderdale (W. F.C.)	10
Tait (Reading)	10

Division III—(North)	
Frederickson (Chester)	16
Bramham (Rotherham)	16
Asquith (Barnsley)	16
Clarke (Lincoln)	16
King (Barnsley)	16
Kesley (Doncaster)	16

REVENGE CLASH

New York, Jan. 10. Promoter Mike Jacobs has arranged a revenge clash over 15 rounds between Billy Conn, Pittsburgh's new light heavyweight sensation, and Freddie Apostoli, middle-weight champion, for February 10.—United Press.

Joy (St. Louis)	15
Hanson (St. Louis)	15
Burditt (Wrexham)	12
Wynn (Hochdale)	12
Siegle (Hochdale)	11
Ferrier (Oldham)	11
Mortimer (York)	11
Halford (Oldham)	10
Feeney (Darlington)	10
Killourhy (Doncaster)	10
Canfield (Hull)	10
Robertson (Bradford)	10
Lythgoe (Stockport)	10
Sargeant (Stockport)	10
Hunt (Carlisle)	0
Harris (Barrow)	9
Foster (Crewe)	9
Gallagher (Gateshead)	9
Little (Doncaster)	9
Hubbard (Hull)	9
Bagley (Stockport)	9
McGray (Hartlepool)	7
Chandler (Crewe)	7
Essex (Stockport)	7
Smith (Gateshead)	7
Dell (Doncaster)	7
Frost (New Brighton)	7
Ainsworth (New Brighton)	7
Colquhoun (Southport)	7
Hawkins (Southport)	7



Betty Grable in Paramount's farcical comedy, "Give Me A Sailor," now showing at the Queen's Theatre. A special musical short, "Annabaker," is also included in the programme.

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EASY BADMINTON WINS LAST NIGHT

Two matches in the Ladies' Doubles Badminton League were decided last evening, the Club de Recreio "A" beating Talkoo Club by 9-0 and the Club de Recreio "B" defeating St. Andrew's 8-1.

TALKOO v. RECREIO "A"
Mrs. R. Main and Mrs. W. McKie (Talkoo) lost to Miss M. Xavier and Mrs. N. Castro 5-21; lost to Miss O. Ribeiro and Miss M. Ribeiro 13-21; lost to Miss M. Silva and Miss C. Silva 12-21.

RECREIO "B" v. ST. ANDREW'S
Miss H. M. Ribeiro and Miss A. C. Remedios (Recreio) beat Miss F. Wong and Mrs. Anderson 21-14; beat Miss Greiner and Miss M. Churn 21-13; beat Miss J. Wong and Miss G. White 21-13.

Miss S. Remedios and Miss I. Pereira (Recreio) beat Miss Wong and Mrs. Anderson 21-4; beat Miss Greiner and Miss Churn 21-9; beat Miss Wong and Miss White 21-2.

"Hot Dogs" Put Together
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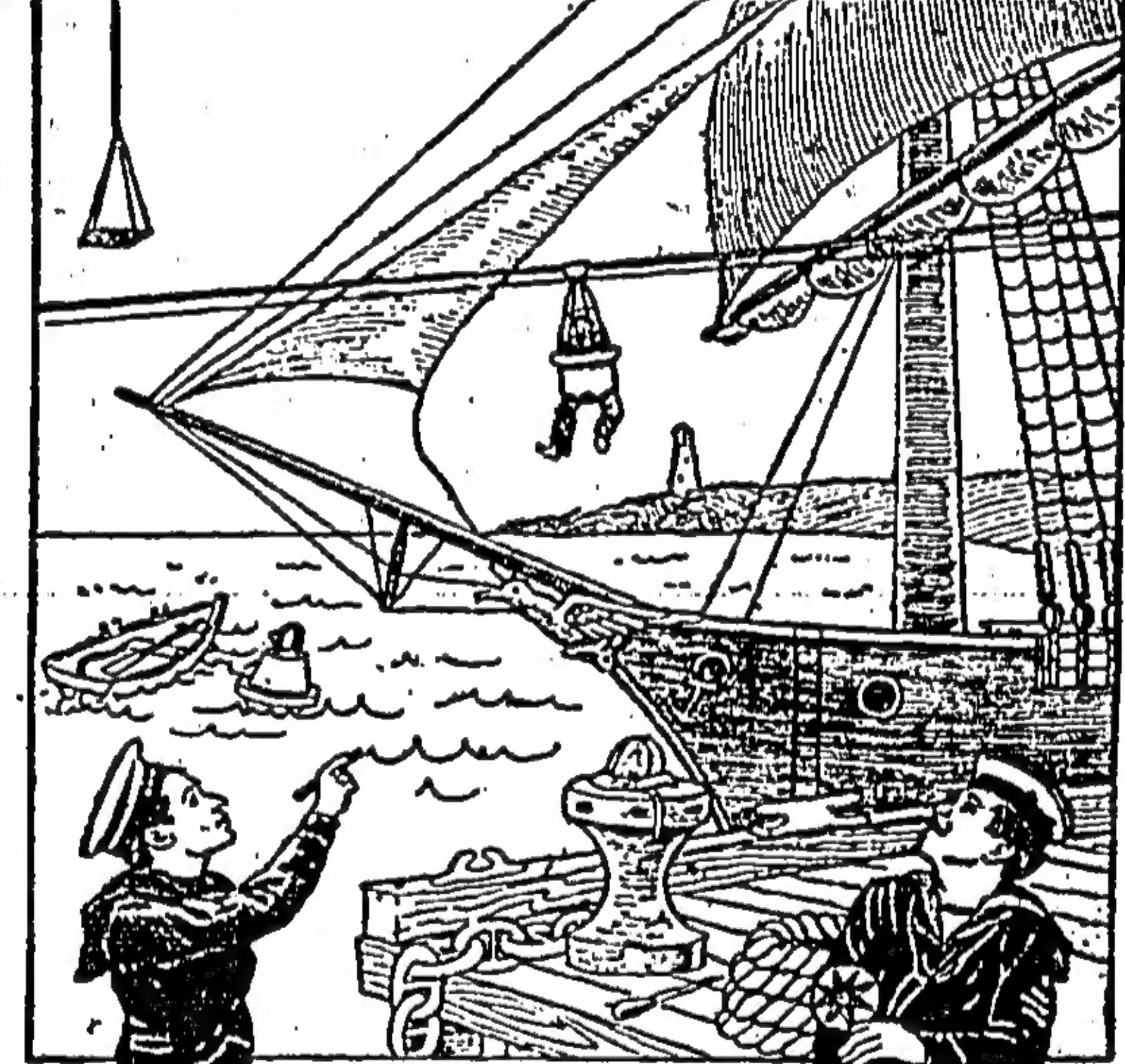
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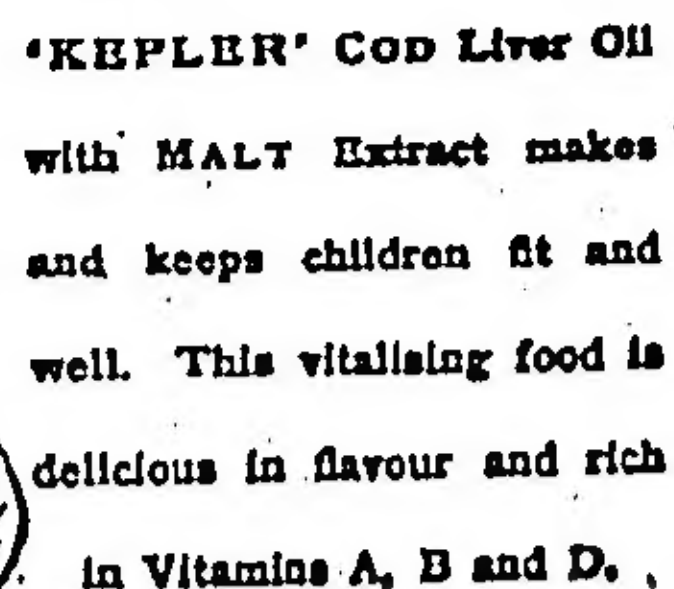
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 40-United States of
 41-America (abbr.)



Goncharoff's Pupils Rehearse



The photographer caught George Goncharoff instructing Ellen Ford in a pose during rehearsals.—Jaffer.



Peggy Scotcher ties her ballet shoes during a rehearsal hour at the Goncharoff School of Dance.—Jaffer.



These small pupils at the Goncharoff School of Dance are taking a lively interest in the rehearsals for the forthcoming ballet "Sleeping Beauty".—Jaffer.



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Puppets will Repudiate All Loans to Chinese

PEIPING, Jan. 10.

A LONG STATEMENT reaffirming the Provisional and Reformed governments' intentions not to recognise British and American loans to the Central Government, stresses that such loans will most likely make the people of China regard Britain and America as their "cursed enemies".

The statement also declares that the United Council might take steps against the movements of commodities which the National Government might try to make as compensation for the grant of loans.

EUROPEANS VICTIMISED

Mrs. H. Gordon, residing at the Peninsula Hotel, has reported the loss of a wrist watch valued at £30 somewhere between the Tylam Talk power station and the Hotel yesterday.

Mrs. Rahn, residing at the Arlington Hotel, also lost a pair of spectacles valued at \$35, somewhere in Tsimshatsui or Central district between December 18 and December 23.

A cigarette case, valued at \$50, was lost by Mr. F. Lawrence, residing at the European Y.M.C.A., in the lounge of the Peninsula Hotel on January 8.

Mr. B. Blanchford, of 7 Aimal Villas, has reported that he either lost or had taken away from his residence, an overcoat and a pair of gloves, valued at \$75.

10,000 Refugees In Hongkong Centres

Following are the refugees and destitute persons accommodated in Government Camps in the Colony, the figures given being those at January 7 and the figures in brackets being those at December 10 last year:

King's Park	1,594 (1,347)
Ma Tau Chung	751
North Point	1,319 (400)
Laiheikok Hospital	
(Upper Ward)	61
Ma Tau Chung	1,073
Gill's Cottages (Famling)	565 (800)
Famling, North	580 (1,050)
Famling, South	553 (1,150)
Kum Tin	3,016 (3,847)

The Year's Most Incredible Story

Moscow, Jan. 10.

Here is 1939's most incredible story.

Census officials, preparing to take a census in the southern Urals, have just discovered 47 villages in Tschkalov district.

Until the discovery, the Government or provincial authorities were unaware that the villages existed.

They had no post-offices, no Government buildings—and paid no taxes.

But they will in future.—Trans-Ocean.

Naval Officer's Car Kills Watchman

A car alleged to have been driven by a naval officer was responsible for the death of a 38-year-old Chinese watchman at the Royal Air Force Officers' Mess, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon, according to a police report.

The dead man was named Ng Hing. He was killed near the entrance to the Officers' Mess.

An abridged text of the statement reads: "There are reports to the effect that the Kuomintang Communist faction, which barely exists in a remote corner of China, has concluded loans with Great Britain and the United States for the purpose of obtaining military supplies. The Provisional Government of the Republic of China re-affirms its first manifesto, not recognising such contracts with whatever third parties.

"The termination of hostilities and the restoration of peace between China and Japan, and also a campaign for the eradication of Communism which will bring the downfall of the Chiang Kalshek regime are the firmly fixed aims of the people of East Asia, and they also represent the main current public opinion in China, since they are things about which the people of this country are most concerned.

BEYOND COMPREHENSION
"Great Britain and the United States are two countries which have long noted their knowledge of the Chinese situation, but this time we are unable to understand why they have failed to consider the actual situation. It is beyond comprehending that England and America have concluded loans with the Kuomintang Communist faction, despite the miserable straits to which Chungking has been driven by the possible consequences of unnecessarily prolonging hostilities.

"England, the United States, and other Western countries, may still be under the impression that the Kuomintang is the true Government of China, recognised by the people, but the fact is the Kuomintang has forfeited the people's confidence by the past 10 years' misadministration.

"Also that Power for many years has been unable to understand the welfare of Asia, and by selfishness and obstinacy, has plunged the country into an irretrievable path, which is indescribably miserable.

"The feeling of the majority of the people is as described above, yet England and the United States, failing to understand the new situation, try to disregard the hopes dear to the Chinese people, and are merely seeking the favour of China.

"If this is the case, China will take no responsibility whatever in the future for loans of this kind. Also, we are absolutely unable to recognise whatever concession the Chiang Kalshek regime might grant, or may have granted, in exchange for the loans. Also that the United Council of the Republic of China will be compelled to take whatever steps may be deemed necessary against the movement of commodities that the Kuomintang Communist factions may try to make as compensation for the grant of loans.—United Press.

SURREYS ARRIVE IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, Jan. 10.

The 2nd. Queen's Own West Surreys arrived at Haifa to-day to relieve the 1st. Royal Scots, who are returning to England.—Reuter.



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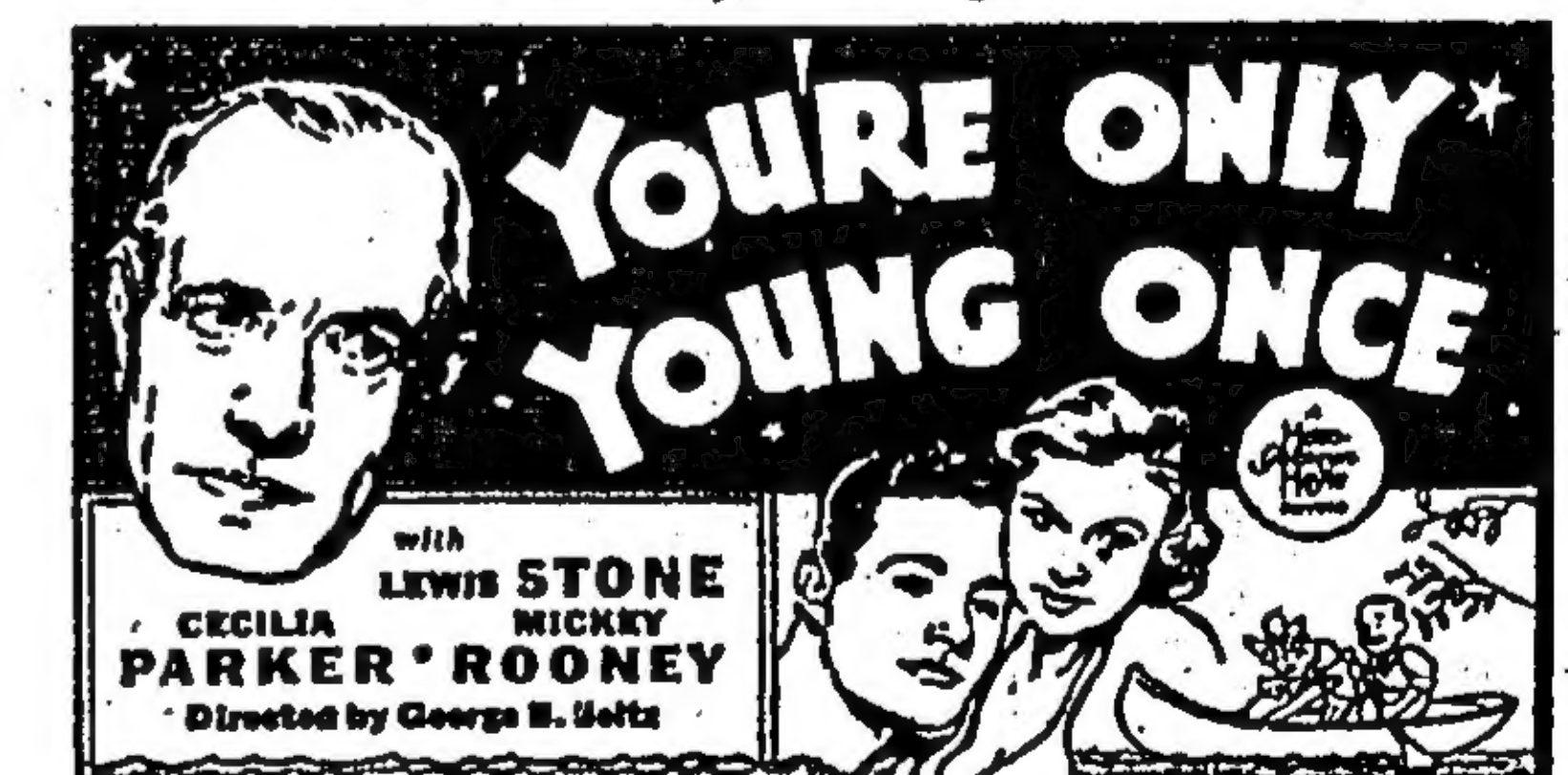
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Breakdown of Non-Intervention

BRUSSELS, Jan. 10.

THE THREAT THAT Belgium would withdraw from the Non-Intervention Committee unless the committee was able to carry out its decisions, particularly for the withdrawal of volunteers from Spain, was made by M. Spaak, the Belgian Premier in a statement to the press to-day.

He declared: "Belgium has applied the principles of non-intervention with vigorous loyalty, and she is under a moral obligation to reconsider her position if the Non-Intervention Committee is unable to ensure its decisions being carried out."—Reuter.

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